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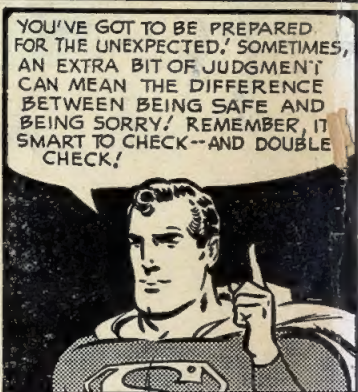
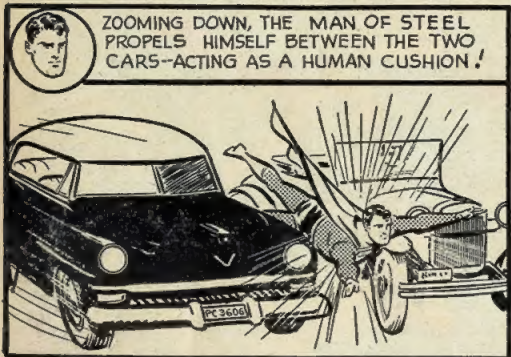
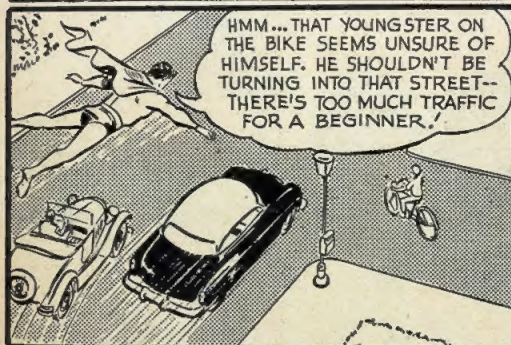


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Featuring
"THE
JUNGLE
BATMAN!"



SUPERMAN "It's Smart to Check-- says: and DOUBLECHECK!"



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BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW BATMAN WOULD FARE IF HE WERE CUT OFF FROM ALL HIS CRIME-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT... IF THE BATPLANE, THE UTILITY BELT, THE CRIME LAB... IF INDEED EVERYTHING WAS DENIED THE DYNAMIC DUO? HERE'S YOUR ANSWER... IN ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING STORIES EVER TOLD! HERE ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN... STRANDED ON A JUNGLE ISLAND... AN ISLAND FRAUGHT WITH MAN-EATING WILD LIFE... AND THE 'SINISTER'... MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS IN THE WORLD! HOLD YOUR BREATH AS YOU STRIKE OUT AGAINST TERROR WITH...

The JUNGLE BATMAN!

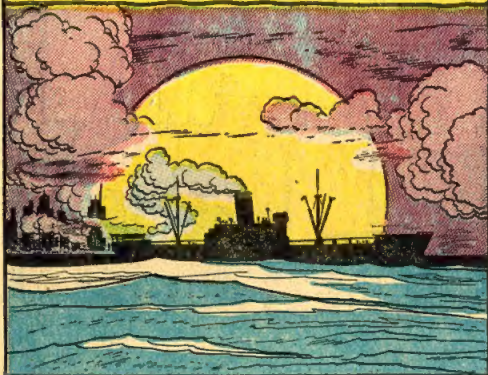


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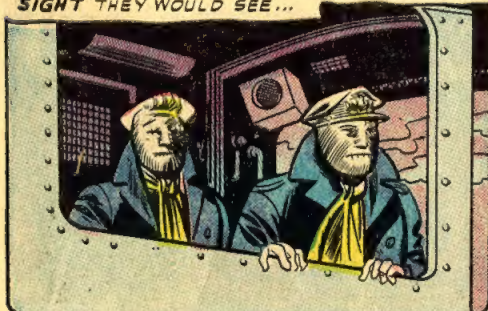
ONE EVENING, AN OBSCURE FREIGHTER
QUIETLY SLIPS OUT OF GOTHAM HARBOR...



CAN THIS BE BUT A ROUTINE SAILING? ON
THE BRIDGE, THE CAPTAIN AND HIS MEN PEER
INTENTLY AHEAD, NOT
MAKING A MOVE...

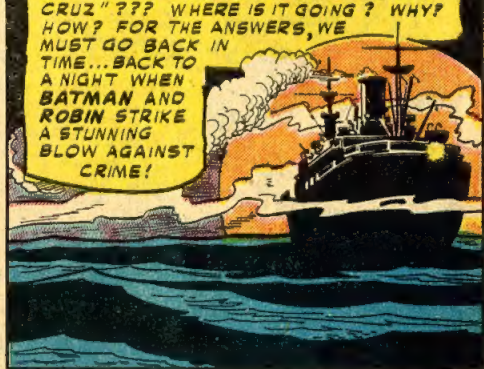


BUT IF ONE WERE TO GET UP VERY CLOSE TO
THAT CAPTAIN AND CREW, THIS IS THE STARTLING
SIGHT THEY WOULD SEE...

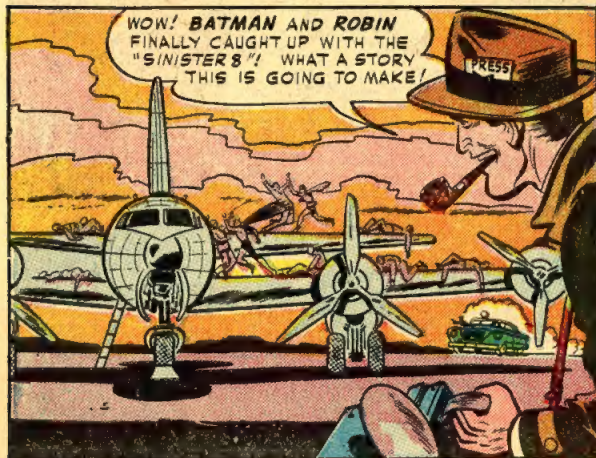


YES!! THESE ARE NOT MEN ... BUT DUMMIES!
THIS IS A SHIP... WITH A
PHANTOM CREW!

WHAT IS THE MYSTERY OF THE "DONNA
CRUZ" ??? WHERE IS IT GOING ? WHY?
HOW? FOR THE ANSWERS, WE
MUST GO BACK IN
TIME... BACK TO
A NIGHT WHEN
BATMAN AND
ROBIN STRIKE
A STUNNING
BLOW AGAINST
CRIME!



WOW! BATMAN AND ROBIN
FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE
"SINISTER 8"! WHAT A STORY
THIS IS GOING TO MAKE!



THAT DOES
IT! THE EIGHT INTER-
NATIONAL CRIMINALS
WHO BROKE OUT OF
SATAN'S ISLAND WITH
THE HELP OF THE
WORLD-WIDE UNDER-
WORLD! AND NOW
THEY'RE CAPTURED
AGAIN!



NEXT DAY, AS COMMISSIONER GORDON SUMMONS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO A TOP SECRET OFFICE AT THE GOTHAM CITY NAVY YARD...

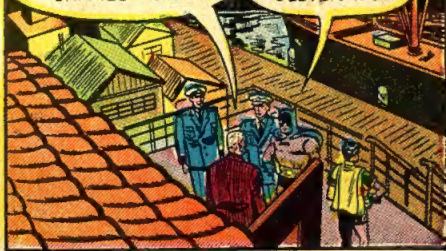
THE NAVY HAS CONSENTED TO LOAN US THEIR EXPERIMENTAL RADOK! WE'RE GOING TO USE IT TO DEPORT THE 'SINISTER 8'!

A REMOTE-CONTROLLED SHIP?? BUT WHY??



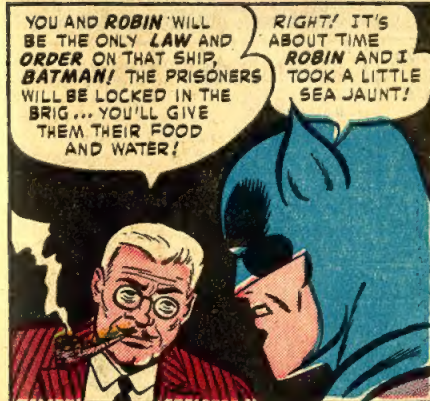
FRANKLY, BECAUSE NO CREW WILL DARE TAKE ON THE JOB! THE UNDERWORLD HAS SWORN THESE MEN WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO SATAN'S ISLAND! AND THE THREAT APPARENTLY CARRIES WEIGHT!

I SEE! AND SO YOU'LL SEND THEM ON A CREWLESS SHIP THAT'S OPERATED BY REMOTE CONTROL! A CLEVER IDEA!



YOU AND ROBIN WILL BE THE ONLY LAW AND ORDER ON THAT SHIP, BATMAN! THE PRISONERS WILL BE LOCKED IN THE BRIG... YOU'LL GIVE THEM THEIR FOOD AND WATER!

RIGHT! IT'S ABOUT TIME ROBIN AND I TOOK A LITTLE SEA JAUNT!



NEXT DAY, IN THE BAT-CAVE UNDERNEATH THE MANSION OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

SO THAT'S WHERE SATAN'S ISLAND IS! QUITE A TRIP!

YES! AND NOW LET'S GET INTO OUR BATMAN AND ROBIN COSTUME... AND MEET OUR CARGO OF HUMAN DYNAMITE!



THERE THEY ARE, ROBIN! EACH IS THE MOST DEADLY REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COUNTRY! TOGETHER, THEY WIELD GREAT INFLUENCE IN THE UNDERWORLD!

NICE SHIP-MATES... I DON'T THINK!

SUDDENLY... **BATMAN... BAH! NOONE**
WILL RETURN US TO SATAN'S
ISLAND! ANYONE WHO TRIES
WILL DIE!

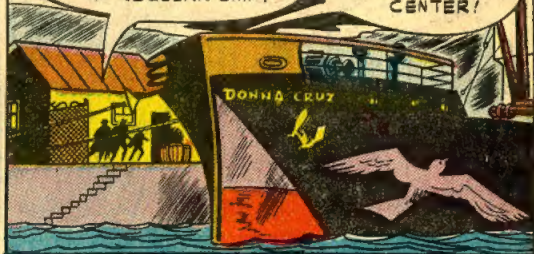
QUIET,
YOU!
GET
BACK
IN
LINE!



LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN BOARD THE
"DONNA CRUZ"...

SHORTLY BEFORE
SAILING TIME, SET UP THE
DUMMIES OF THE CAPTAIN
AND CREW. LET EVERY-
ONE THINK THIS IS JUST
A REGULAR SHIP!

THAT'S RIGHT! IF THE
UNDERWORLD KNEW
THIS WAS TO BE
REMOTE-CONTROLLED
THEY MIGHT
ATTACK THE
NAVAL CONTROL
CENTER!



BON VOYAGE,
BATMAN!
AND BE
CAREFUL!
YOU'VE GOT A
TRICKY CARGO...
AND YOU'RE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR \$1,000,000
WORTH OF SECRET
SCIENTIFIC
EQUIPMENT!

DON'T WORRY,
COMMISSIONER!
WE'LL
HANDLE
IT ALL!



AND THAT EVENING
THE MOST
POWERFUL POLICE
GUARD
IN
GOTHAM CITY
HISTORY ESCORTS
THE
PRISONERS
TO THE
"DONNA CRUZ"!

SO FAR, SO
GOOD, **ROBIN!**
THE POLICE
HAVE GOT
THEM HERE...
NOW THE
REST
IS UP
TO US!

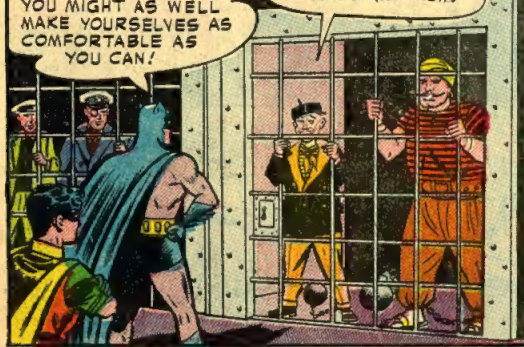
WELL... LET'S
GO DOWN AND
WELCOME
OUR GUESTS...
WITH CHAINS!



SOON AFTER...

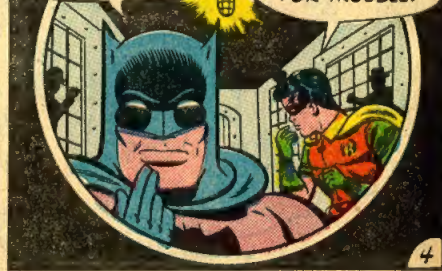
WELL... WE'RE UNDER
WAY! IT'S GOING TO
BE A LONG TRIP SO
YOU MIGHT AS WELL
MAKE YOURSELVES AS
COMFORTABLE AS
YOU CAN!

MERCI, **BATMAN!**
HEH, HEH! THEES WON'
BE A BAD TREEP AT
ALL! HEH-HEH!



THEY'RE LOCKED
UP SECURELY...THEY
HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
YET STRANGELY,
THEY'RE IN
GOOD SPIRITS!

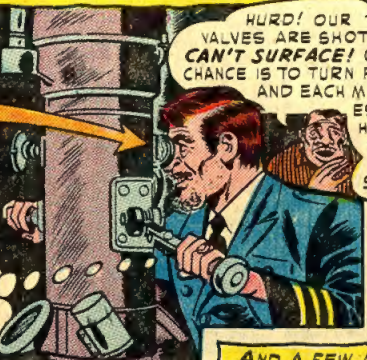
IT'S AS IF THEY
KNEW SOMETHING
THAT WE DIDN'T!
I'VE GOT A FUNNY
FEELING, **BATMAN...**
THAT WE'RE IN
FOR TROUBLE!



AND A FEW DAYS LATER, AS IF IN ANSWER TO ROBIN'S HUNCH, A SUBMARINE SLIPS IN BEHIND THE "DONNA CRUZ" KNIFING THROUGH CHOPPY, STORM-DRIVEN WATERS!



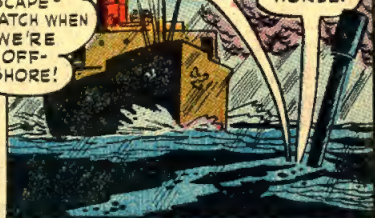
AH, SOON! ONE WELL-PLACED TORPEDO AND BATMAN WILL HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP! THEN WE'LL PICK UP ALL HANDS!



HURD! OUR VALVES ARE SHOT! WE CAN'T SURFACE! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO TURN FOR HOME... AND EACH MAN TO USE ESCAPE-HATCH WHEN WE'RE OFF-SHORE!

BUT WE CAN'T TURN BACK! OUR MISSION IS TO FREE THOSE PRISONERS! WE'LL BE KILLED IF WE FAIL!

BUT IF WE CAN'T SURFACE, HOW ARE WE GOING TO PICK THEM UP? I SAY... TURN BACK! BESIDES, THE STORM IS GETTING WORSE!



AND A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

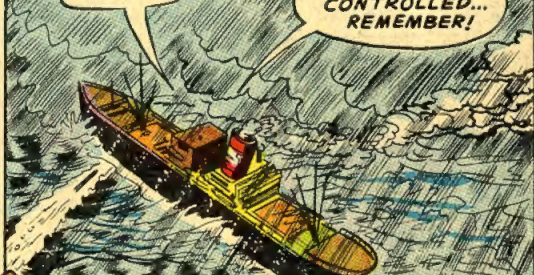
WAIT! I'VE AN IDEA! WE'RE NEAR THESE SMALL UNINHABITED ISLANDS, THE TIDE'S FAVORABLE... IT WOULD HELP SURVIVORS TO REACH THEM!

I GET IT! WE'LL TORPEDO THE SHIP ANYWAY! THE PRISONERS, ABANDONING SHIP, WOULD BE WASHED UP ON THE ISLANDS! WE'LL COME BACK AND GET THEM!



BATMAN! A TORPEDO ... AIMED SQUARE FOR US! TURN THE SHIP!

BUT WE CAN'T! IT'S REMOTE-CONTROLLED... REMEMBER!



A DIRECT HIT! WHOEVER DID IT KNEW THE BRIG WAS IN THE STERN! THAT'S WHY THEY AIMED FORWARD!

AND THERE GOES OUR RADIO MAST! THEY THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING!



ALL AT ONCE!

BOOOOM!



NO TELLING HOW LONG THIS SHIP WILL LAST NOW, ROBIN! WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, WE'VE GOT TO FREE THE PRISONERS! WE CAN'T LET THEM DIE LIKE TRAPPED RATS!





BATMAN

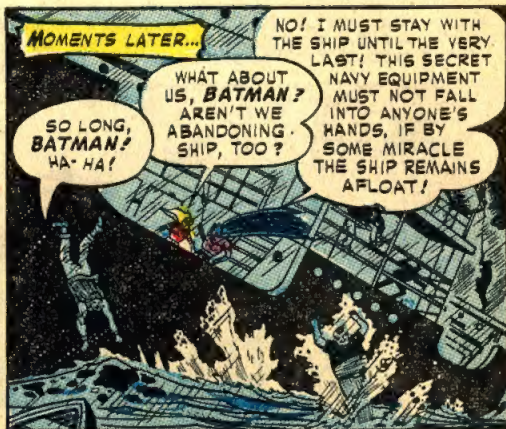


AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, A STRANGE
DRAMA UNFOLDS! **BATMAN AND ROBIN**
FORCED
BY THEIR RIGID CODE OF ETHICS TO
FREE THEIR DEADLY CARGO!



BLAMEY! WE SURE
FIGGERED YOU RIGHT,
BATMAN! WE KNEW
YOU WOULDN'T LET
US DROWN! HA!

SAVE YOUR BREATH!
YOU'RE GOING TO
NEED IT OUT ON
THAT WATER!



MOMENTS LATER...

SO LONG,
BATMAN!
HA-HA!

WHAT ABOUT
US, **BATMAN?**
AREN'T WE
ABANDONING
SHIP, TOO?

NO! I MUST STAY WITH
THE SHIP UNTIL THE VERY
LAST! THIS SECRET
NAVY EQUIPMENT
MUST NOT FALL
INTO ANYONE'S
HANDS, IF BY
SOME MIRACLE
THE SHIP REMAINS
AFLOAT!



**BUT AS THE STORM
GROWS WORSE...**

NOW THE BOW IS
SHIPPING WATER! IT
CAN'T LAST MUCH
LONGER!

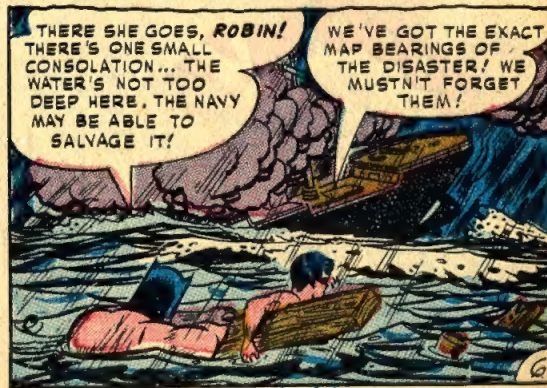
YOU'RE RIGHT!
STRIP OFF ALL
UNESSENTIAL CLOTHING!
WE'RE IN FOR A
LONG SWIM!



**AND
THEN...**

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED
FOR DEBRIS, ROBIN. IT'LL
HELP US KEEP AFLOAT!

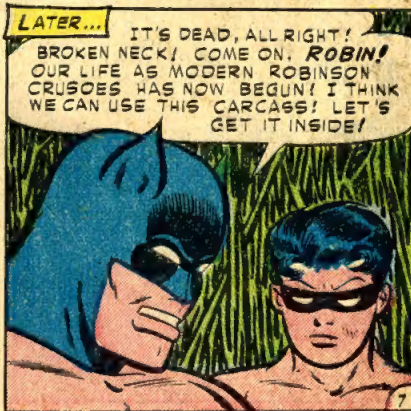
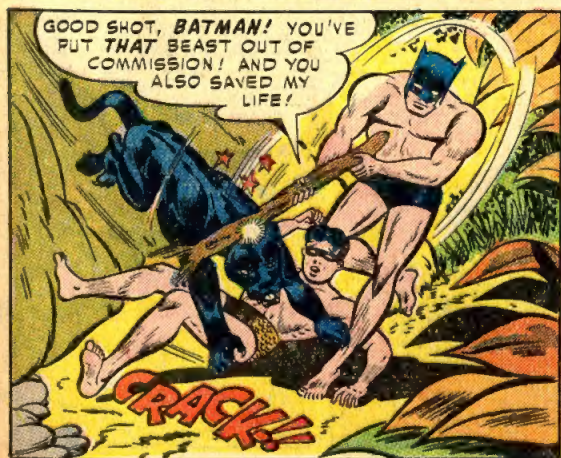
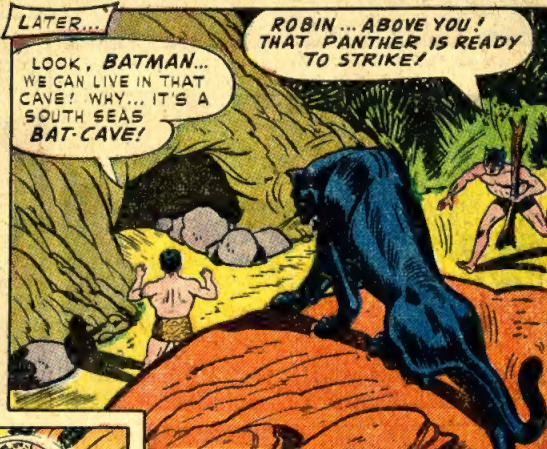
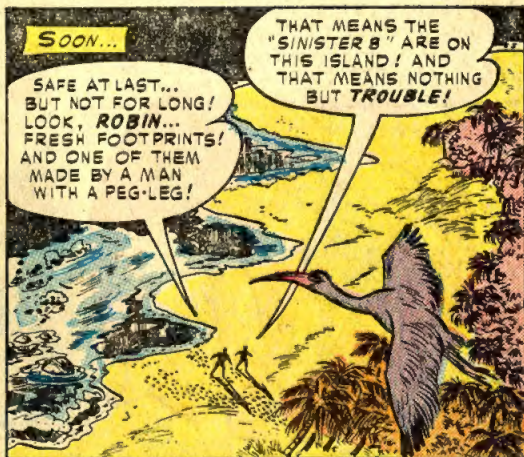
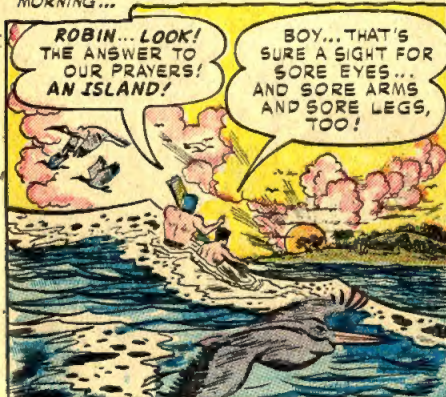
A MOMENT LATER... THE SADDEST SIGHT OF THE SEA
A ONCE-PROUD SHIP
SLOWLY SETTLING TO A WATERY GRAVE ...



THERE SHE GOES, **ROBIN!**
THERE'S ONE SMALL
CONSOLATION... THE
WATER'S NOT TOO
DEEP HERE, THE NAVY
MAY BE ABLE TO
SALVAGE IT!

WE'VE GOT THE EXACT
MAP BEARINGS OF
THE DISASTER! WE
MUSTN'T FORGET
THEM!

THROUGH THE WILD NIGHT, THE DARING DUO BATTLES THE ELEMENTS! THEN, NEXT MORNING...



A FEW DAYS LATER...

WELL... HERE WE ARE, ROBIN! THIS IS WHAT A JUNGLE BATMAN AND ROBIN LOOK LIKE!



THEN, AS THE FAMED LAWMEN MOVE WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHTNING!

RIGHT NOW, RETREAT IS THE BEST STRATEGY! AND SINCE WE DON'T HAVE OUR SILKEN CORDS... WE'LL USE WHAT THE JUNGLE HAS TO OFFER!



IF THEY WALK OVER THIS, THEY'LL SURELY TOPPLE INTO THE PIT. BUT HOW CAN YOU GET THEM TO COME HERE?

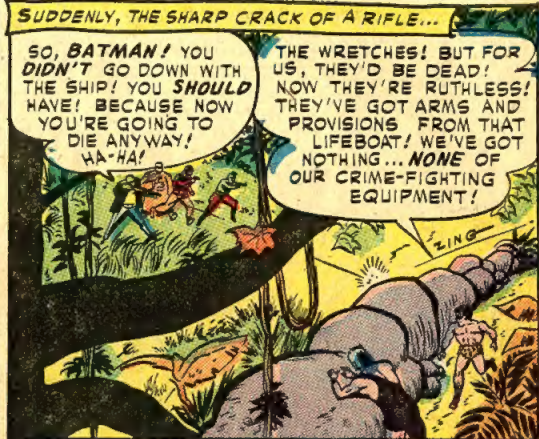
ALL I NEED IS A LONG, STRONG PIECE OF VINE! THEN I'LL SHOW YOU A NEAT LITTLE TRICK!



SUDDENLY, THE SHARP CRACK OF A RIFLE...

SO, BATMAN! YOU DIDN'T GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP! YOU SHOULD HAVE! BECAUSE NOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY! HA-HA!

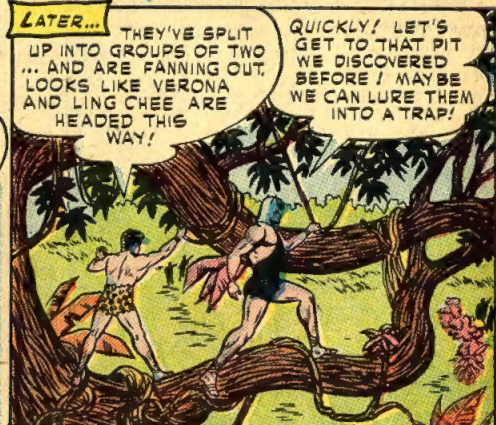
THE WRETCHES! BUT FOR US, THEY'D BE DEAD! NOW THEY'RE RUTHLESS! THEY'VE GOT ARMS AND PROVISIONS FROM THAT LIFEBOAT! WE'VE GOT NOTHING... NONE OF OUR CRIME-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT!



LATER...

THEY'VE SPLIT UP INTO GROUPS OF TWO... AND ARE FANNING OUT. LOOKS LIKE VERONA AND LING CHEE ARE HEADED THIS WAY!

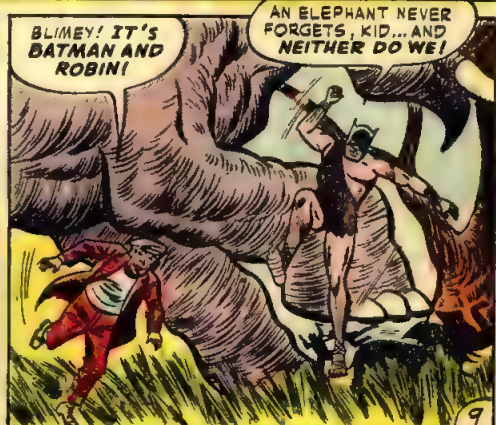
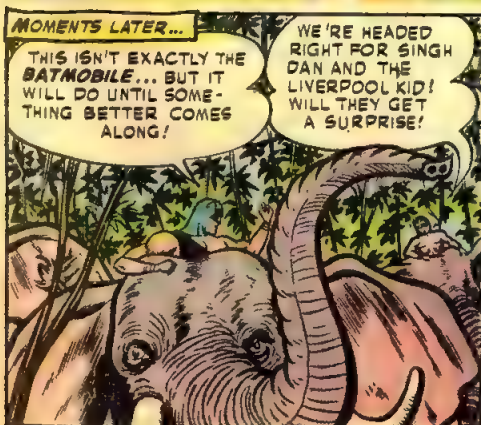
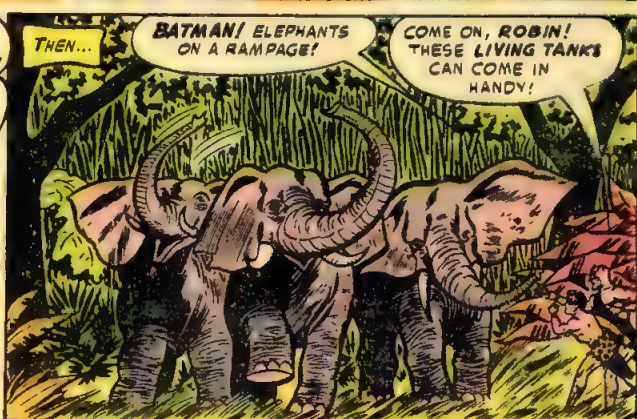
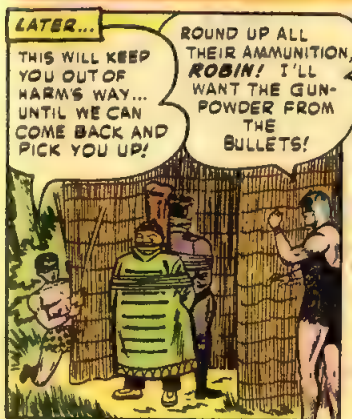
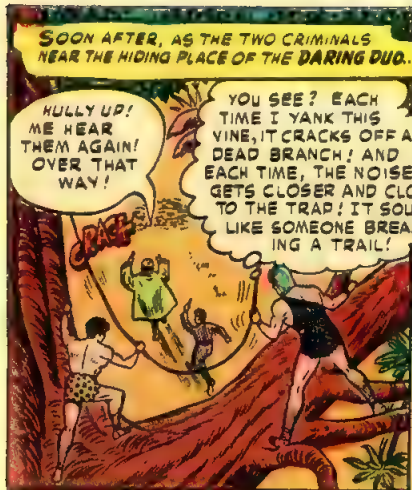
QUICKLY! LET'S GET TO THAT PIT WE DISCOVERED BEFORE! MAYBE WE CAN LURE THEM INTO A TRAP!



YOU'VE RUN A VINE FROM THE TRAP, OCCASIONALLY KNOTTING IT TO THE BRANCH OF A DEAD TREE! I DON'T GET IT!

YOU WILL! WHEN WE'VE REACHED THE END OF THIS VINE, WE'LL TAKE IT UP INTO A TREE. THEN WATCH WHAT HAPPENS!



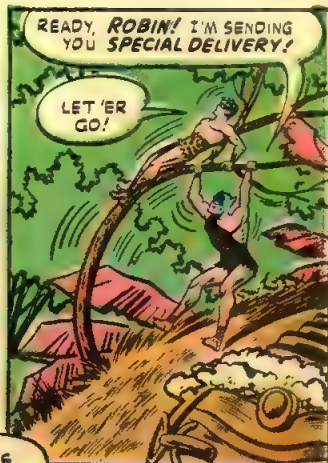


AND AS THE TWO CRIMINALS ATTEMPT TO FLEE THROUGH A FIELD OF ANCIENT STONE CARVINGS...



THERE THEY ARE!
LET'S CLIMB UP
AFTER THEM!

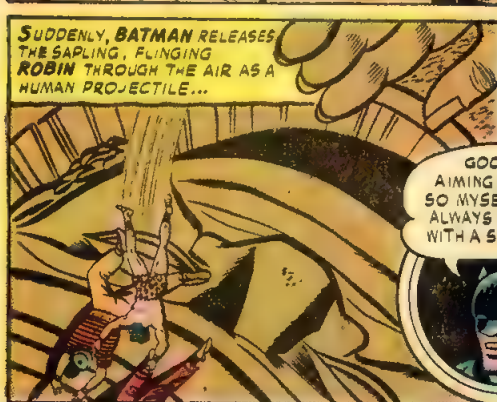
NO! THESE SAPLINGS
GIVE ME A BETTER
IDEA!



READY, ROBIN! I'M SENDING
YOU SPECIAL DELIVERY!

LET 'ER
GO!

SUDDENLY, BATMAN RELEASES
THE SAPLING, FLINGING
ROBIN THROUGH THE AIR AS A
HUMAN PROJECTILE...

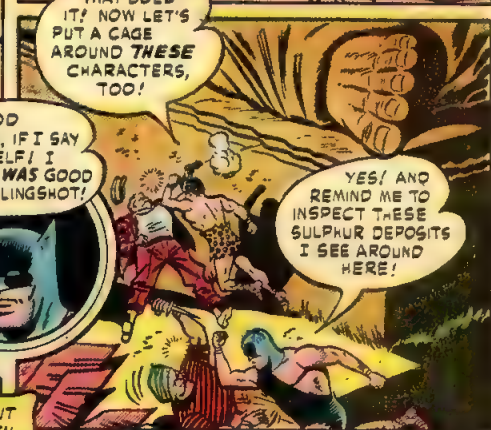


THAT DOES
IT! NOW LET'S
PUT A CAGE
AROUND THESE
CHARACTERS,
TOO!

GOOD
AIMING, IF I SAY
SO MYSELF! I
ALWAYS WAS GOOD
WITH A SLINGSHOT!



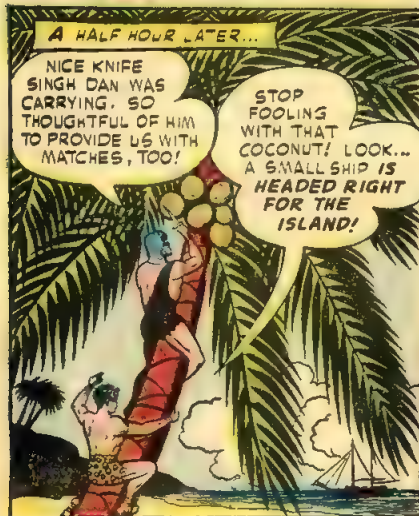
YES! AND
REMINDE ME TO
INSPECT THESE
SULPHUR DEPOSITS
I SEE AROUND
HERE!



A HALF HOUR LATER...

NICE KNIFE
SINGH DAN WAS
CARRYING. SO
THOUGHTFUL OF HIM
TO PROVIDE US WITH
MATCHES, TOO!

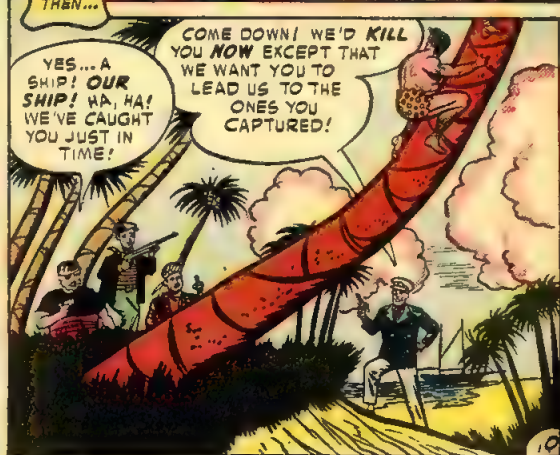
STOP
FOOLING
WITH THAT
COCONUT! LOOK...
A SMALL SHIP IS
HEADED RIGHT
FOR THE
ISLAND!

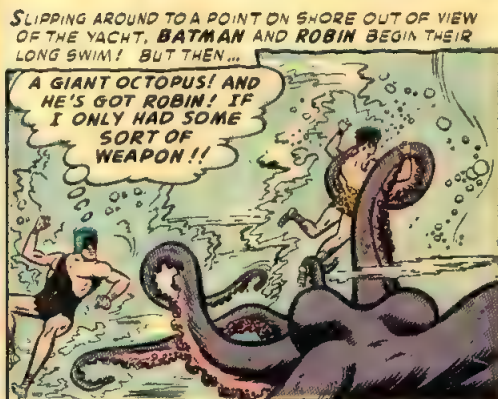
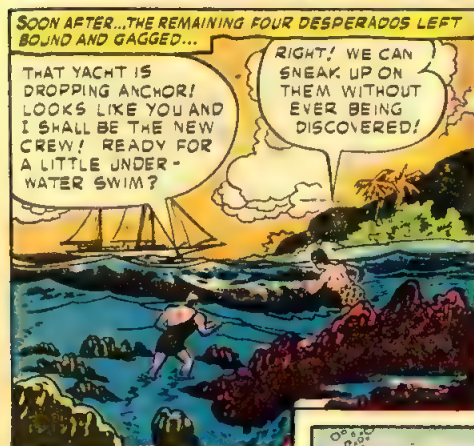
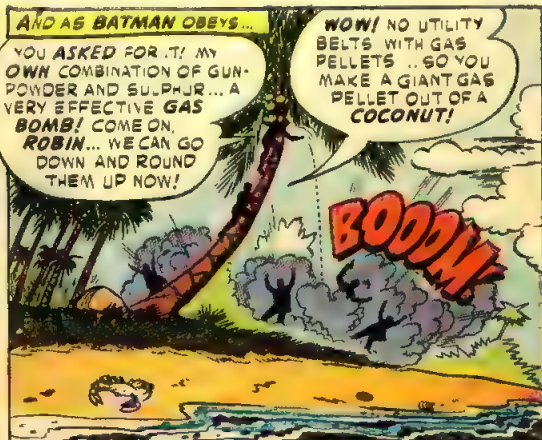


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THEN...

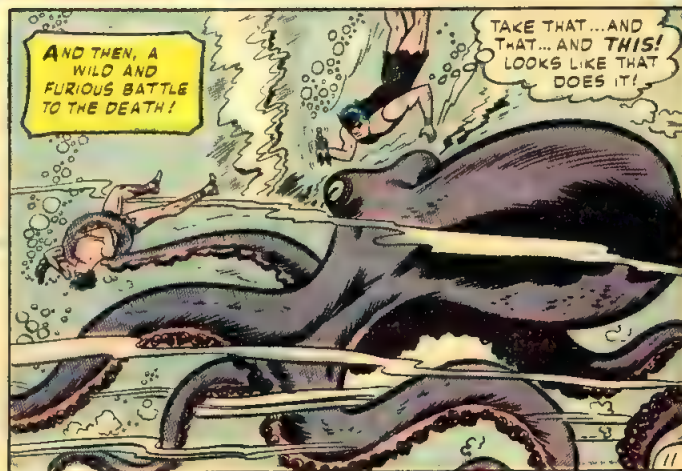
YES... A
SHIP! OUR
SHIP! HA, HA!
WE'VE CAUGHT
YOU JUST IN
TIME!

COME DOWN! WE'D KILL
YOU NOW EXCEPT THAT
WE WANT YOU TO
LEAD US TO THE
ONES YOU
CAPTURED!





ABRUPTLY, BATMAN'S SHARP EYES SPOT SOMETHING ON THE OCEAN FLOOR! A MOMENT LATER...

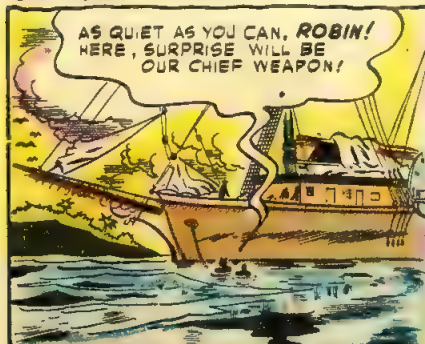




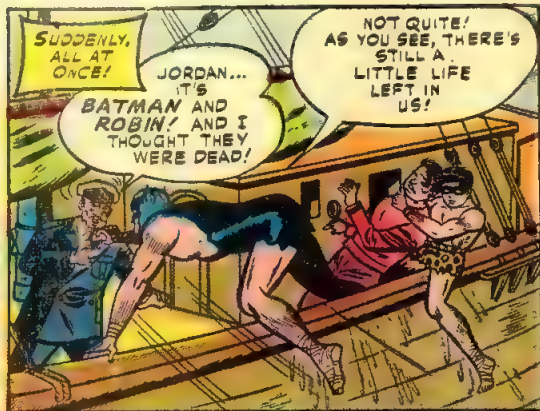
BATMAN



RESTING BRIEFLY TO REGAIN THE R STRENGTH, THE VALIANT LAWMEN SET OUT ONCE MORE! AND SOON...



AS QUIET AS YOU CAN, **ROBIN!** HERE, SURPRISE WILL BE OUR CHIEF WEAPON!



SUDDENLY, ALL AT ONCE!

JORDAN... IT'S

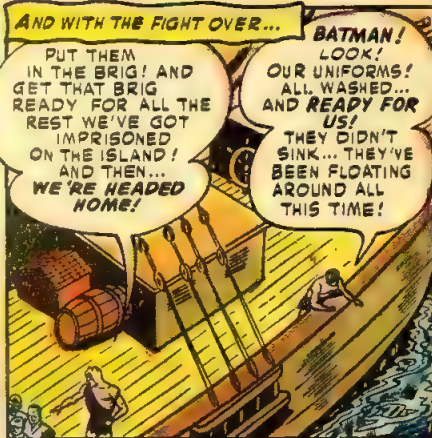
BATMAN AND ROBIN! AND I THOUGHT THEY WERE DEAD!

NOT QUITE! AS YOU SEE, THERE'S STILL A LITTLE LIFE LEFT IN US!



I QUIT! I DIDN'T FIGGER ON **BATMAN AND ROBIN** WHEN I SIGNED FOR THIS JOB!

ME TOO! I DON'T WANT NO PART OF THEM!

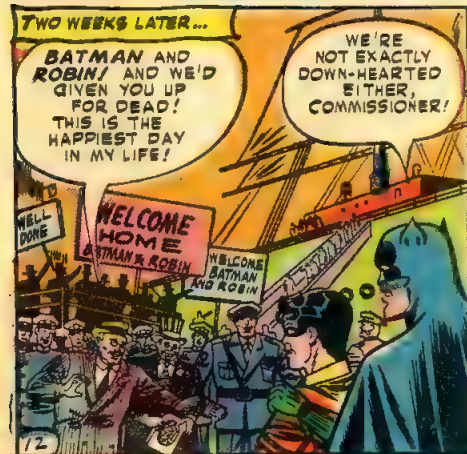


AND WITH THE FIGHT OVER...

PUT THEM IN THE BRIG! AND GET THAT BRIG READY FOR ALL THE REST WE'VE GOT IMPRISONED ON THE ISLAND! AND THEN... WE'RE HEADED HOME!

BATMAN! LOOK! OUR UNIFORMS! ALL WASHED... AND READY FOR US!

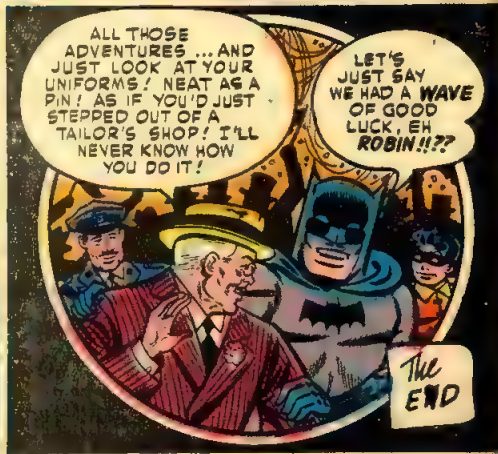
THEY DIDN'T SINK... THEY'VE BEEN FLOATING AROUND ALL THIS TIME!



TWO WEEKS LATER...

BATMAN AND ROBIN! AND WE'D GIVEN YOU UP FOR DEAD! THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY IN MY LIFE!

WE'RE NOT EXACTLY DOWN-HEARTED EITHER, COMMISSIONER!



ALL THOSE ADVENTURES ...AND JUST LOOK AT YOUR UNIFORMS! NEAT AS A PIN! AS IF YOU'D JUST STEPPED OUT OF A TAILOR'S SHOP! I'LL NEVER KNOW HOW YOU DO IT!

LET'S JUST SAY WE HAD A WAVE OF GOOD LUCK, EH **ROBIN!!??**

The END



JIM WISE TELLS WHY "P-F" CANVAS SHOES HELP YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER!

1. THE IMPORTANT "P-F" RIGID WEDGE HELPS KEEP THE WEIGHT OF THE BODY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL FOOT...DECREASING FOOT AND LEG MUSCLE STRAIN, INCREASING ENDURANCE.

2. SPONGE RUBBER CUSHION.



"P-F" MEANS POSTURE FOUNDATION



TAKE A TIP FROM JIM WISE!

GET YOUR "P-F" CANVAS SHOES TODAY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW THEY HELP:

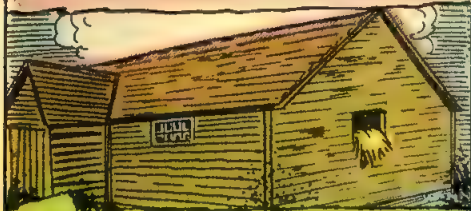
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How LARGE IS THE PLANET JUPITER?



EARTH

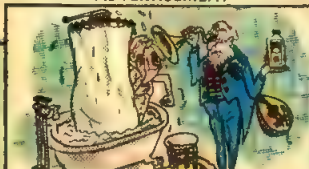
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AMERICA'S FAVORITE

WILDROOT CREAM-OIL HAIR TONIC

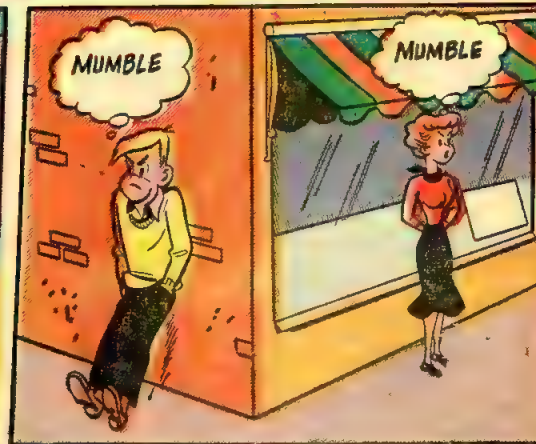
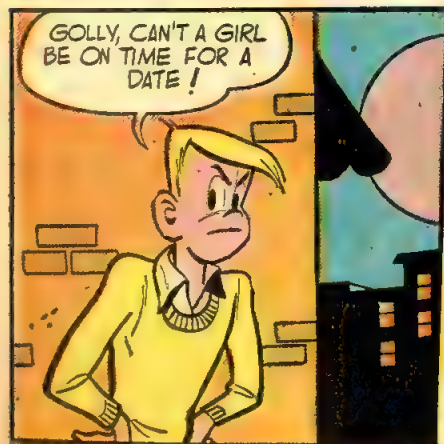
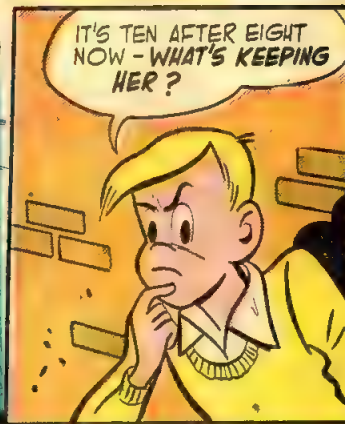
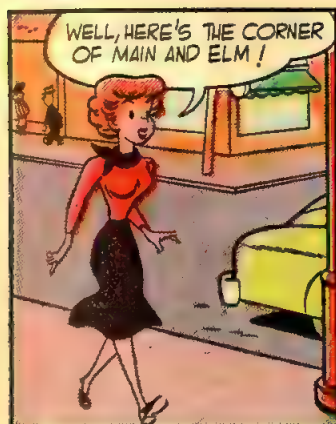
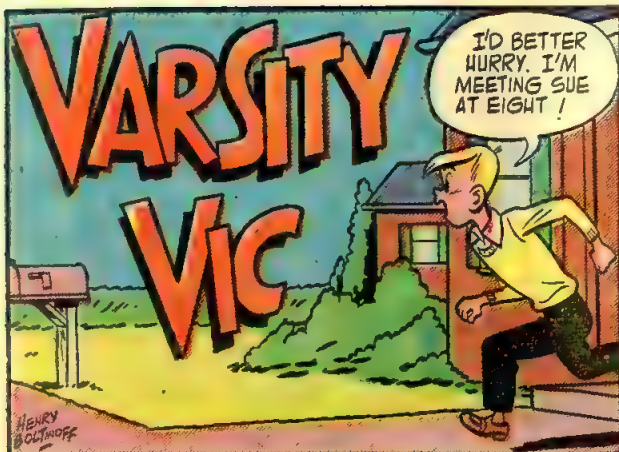
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"YOUR HAIR'S BEST FRIEND"

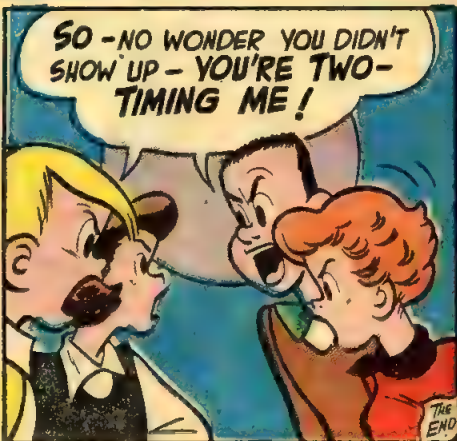
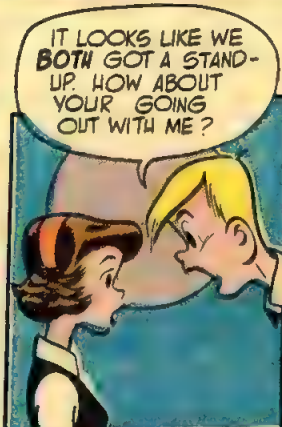
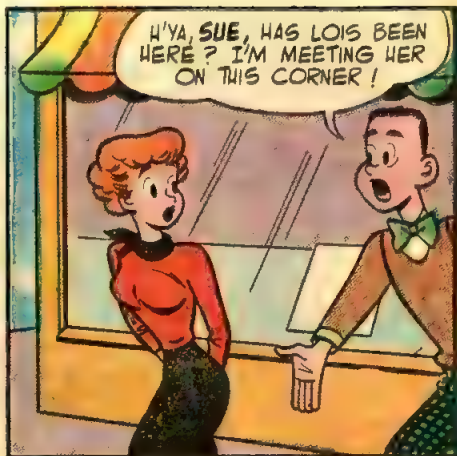
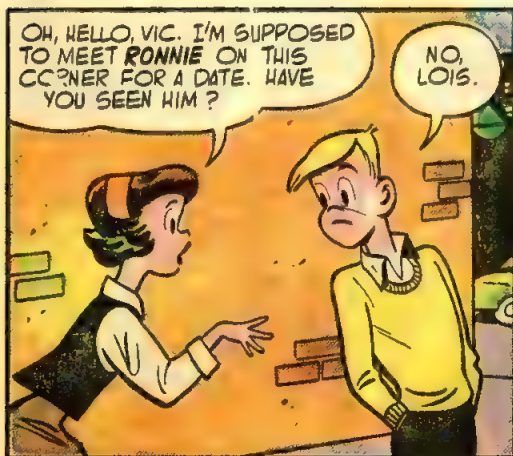
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BATMAN





BATMAN



BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

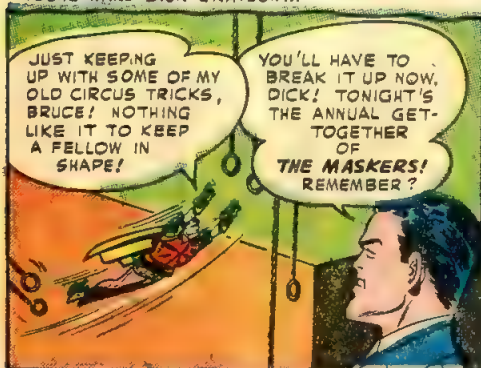
IN EVERY BIG CITY THERE ARE SCORES OF MEN WHOSE FACES THE PUBLIC NEVER SEES... MEN WHOSE DAILY WORK REQUIRES THEM TO SHIELD THEIR FEATURES BEHIND IMPENETRABLE, GROTESQUE MASKS! IN GOTHAM CITY, OF COURSE, THE MOST FAMOUS MASKED FIGURES ARE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** BUT WHO ARE THE OTHERS? YOU WILL MEET THEM BEHIND THEIR FANTASTIC

DISGUISES AS THE **DARING DUO** SEARCHES
FOR A DESPERATE CRIMINAL IN THE RANKS OF...

"The LEGION of FACELESS MEN!"



ONE EVENING, IN THE PRIVATE GYMNASIUM AT THE HOME OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON...



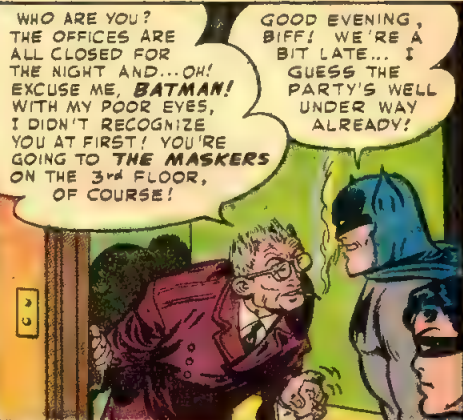
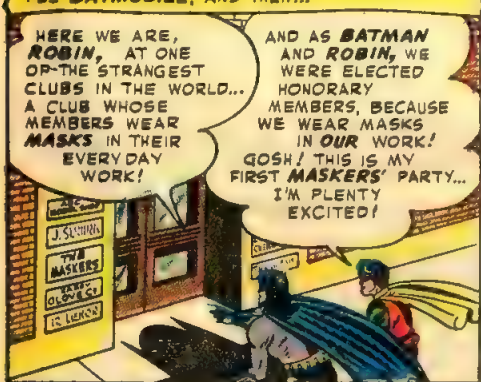
PRESENTLY...

IT'S FUNNY TO SEE YOU SWITCHING TO BATMAN TO GO TO A PARTY! YOU USUALLY CONDUCT YOUR SOCIAL LIFE AS BRUCE WAYNE!

HA, HA! THAT'S TRUE, DICK! BUT IT WAS THE SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN THAT GOT US INTO THE MASKERS!



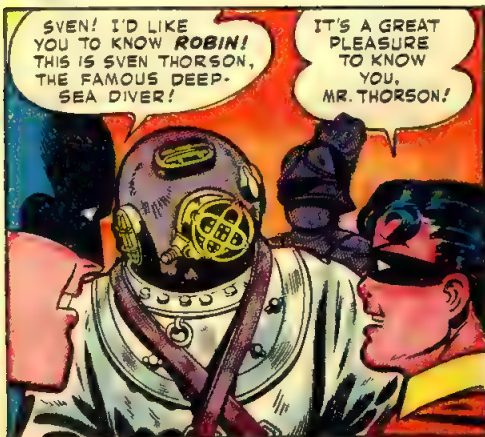
A SWIFT TRIP ACROSS TOWN IN THE POWERFUL BATMOBILE, AND THEN...



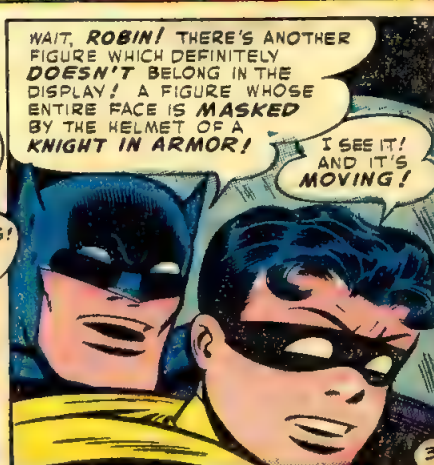
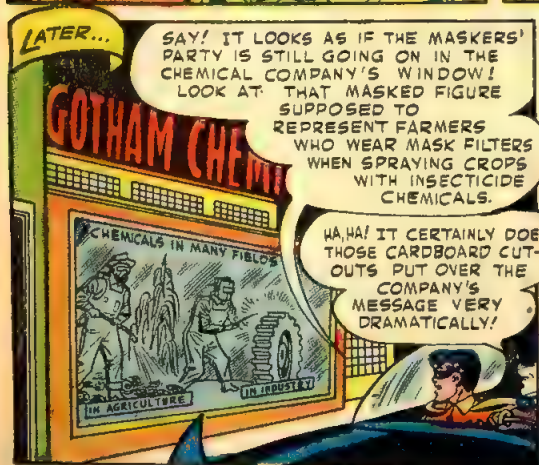
A MOMENT AFTER, THE ELEVATOR DOORS PART TO REVEAL AN AMAZING SCENE...

GOLLY! WHAT A SIGHT! THERE MUST BE SOMEONE HERE FROM EVERY LINE OF WORK IN THE WORLD WHICH REQUIRES A MASK!



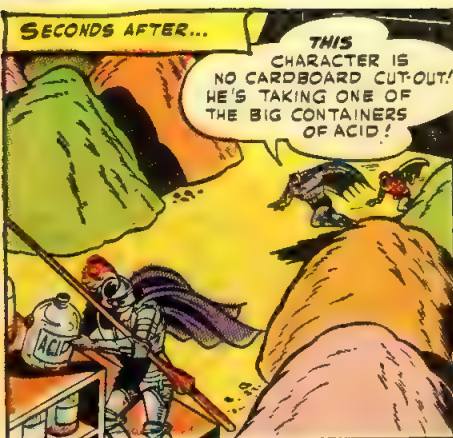


AND AS THE AFFAIR CONTINUES...



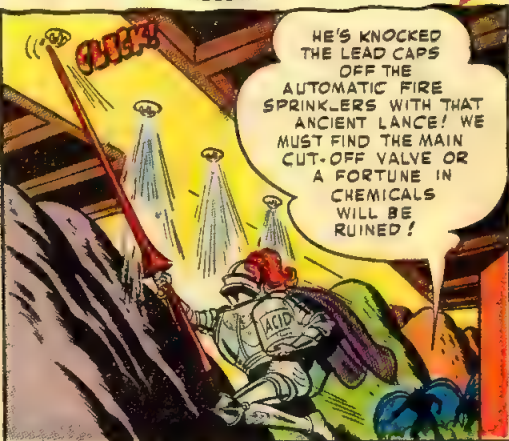
SECONDS AFTER...

THIS CHARACTER IS NO CARDBOARD CUT-OUT! HE'S TAKING ONE OF THE BIG CONTAINERS OF ACID!



BUT AS THE DARING 20TH CENTURY LAWMEN DIVE FOR THE STRANGE FIGURE OUT OF THE MIDDLE AGES...

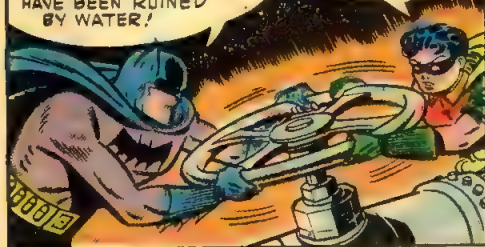
HE'S KNOCKED THE LEAD CAPS OFF THE AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLERS WITH THAT ANCIENT LANCE! WE MUST FIND THE MAIN CUT-OFF VALVE OR A FORTUNE IN CHEMICALS WILL BE RUINED!



AND MOMENTS LATER...

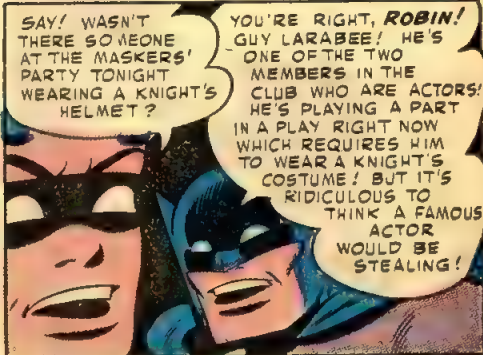
THAT STRANGE CHARACTER GOT AWAY, BUT HE TOOK ONLY THAT CONTAINER OF ACID! IT COULDN'T BE WORTH MUCH, BUT IF WE'D FOLLOWED HIM, TONS OF CHEMICALS WOULD HAVE BEEN RUINED BY WATER!

WHAT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IS HIS COSTUME! WHY WOULD HE GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE?



SAY! WASN'T THERE SOMEONE AT THE MASKERS' PARTY TONIGHT WEARING A KNIGHT'S HELMET?

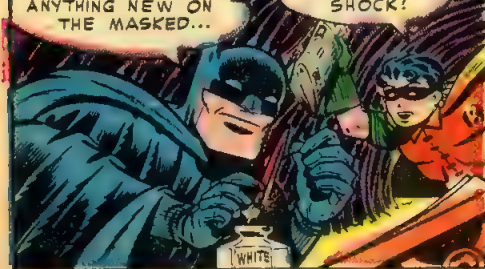
YOU'RE RIGHT, **ROBIN!** GUY LARABEE! HE'S ONE OF THE TWO MEMBERS IN THE CLUB WHO ARE ACTORS! HE'S PLAYING A PART IN A PLAY RIGHT NOW WHICH REQUIRES HIM TO WEAR A KNIGHT'S COSTUME! BUT IT'S RIDICULOUS TO THINK A FAMOUS ACTOR WOULD BE STEALING!



NEXT DAY...

AH, THERE YOU ARE, **ROBIN!** I'VE BEEN CATALOGUING THESE CRIMES PHOTOS USING WHITE INK WHICH WILL SHOW UP BETTER ON THE DARK PRINTS! ANYTHING NEW ON THE MASKED...

TAKE A LOOK AT THE MORNING PAPERS, **BATMAN!** THE MEMBERS OF THE MASKERS ARE IN FOR QUITE A SHOCK!



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MASKED BANDIT STRIKES AFTER MASKERS BALL
DOES STRANGE CLUB HAVE CROOKS AS MEMBERS?

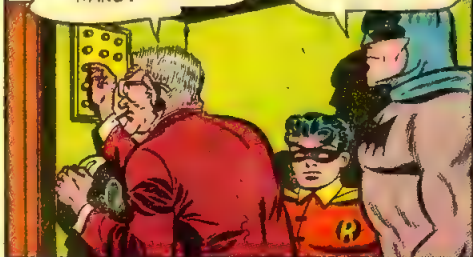
WOW! THE **MASKERS' CLUB** IS BEING TIED IN WITH THIS CRIME! HMM... PERHAPS WE SHOULD GO OVER THERE!



AND LATER...

LET'S SEE ... THIRD FLOOR! THAT'S WHERE EVERYONE'S GOIN' TODAY... REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND ALL THE MEMBERS ARE ON HAND!

I HOPE THEY GET A STORY THAT WILL RETAIN THE CLUB'S GOOD NAME, BIFF!



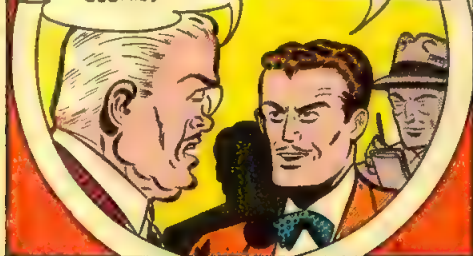
BATMAN! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! THE COINCIDENCE OF THE CLUB'S ANNUAL PARTY AND A CRIMINAL WEARING A STRANGE MASK ON THE SAME NIGHT IS CAUSING QUITE A COMMOTION!

I'M GUY LARABEE! I WORE A HELMET LIKE THE ONE THE CROOK USED TO MASK HIMSELF! I WANT MY NAME CLEARED!



I'VE CHECKED YOUR ALIBI, MR. LARABEE, AND THOSE OF ALL THE OTHER MASKERS AT THE TIME THAT THE CRIME OCCURRED! ALL OF YOU ARE IN THE CLEAR!

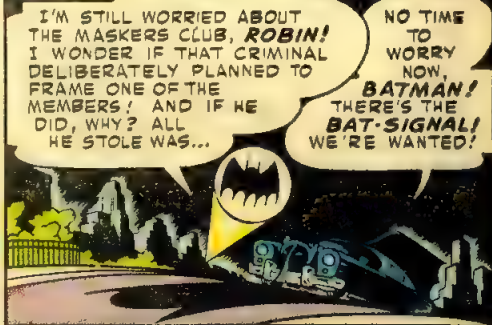
THANKS, COMMISSIONER!



AND THAT EVENING, AS THE TWIN CRIME-SMASHERS CRUISE THROUGH THE SLEEPING CITY...

I'M STILL WORRIED ABOUT THE MASKERS CLUB, ROBIN! I WONDER IF THAT CRIMINAL DELIBERATELY PLANNED TO FRAME ONE OF THE MEMBERS! AND IF HE DID, WHY? ALL HE STOLE WAS...

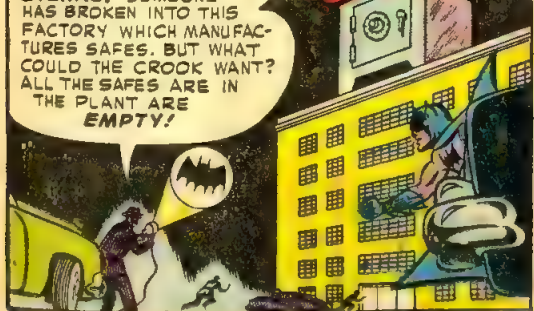
NO TIME TO WORRY NOW, BATMAN! THERE'S THE BAT-SIGNAL! WE'RE WANTED!



A POWERFUL MOTOR ROARS, WHEELS SPIN, AND A MOMENT LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF GOTHAM CITY...

I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO BE IN ON THIS, BATMAN, SO I USED THE PORTABLE BAT-SIGNAL! SOMEONE HAS BROKEN INTO THIS FACTORY WHICH MANUFACTURES SAFES. BUT WHAT COULD THE CROOK WANT? ALL THE SAFES ARE IN THE PLANT ARE EMPTY!

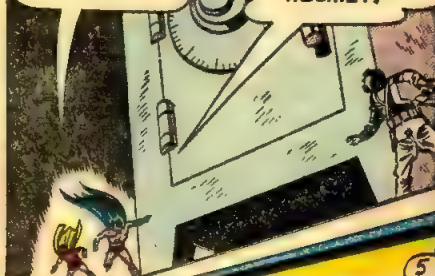
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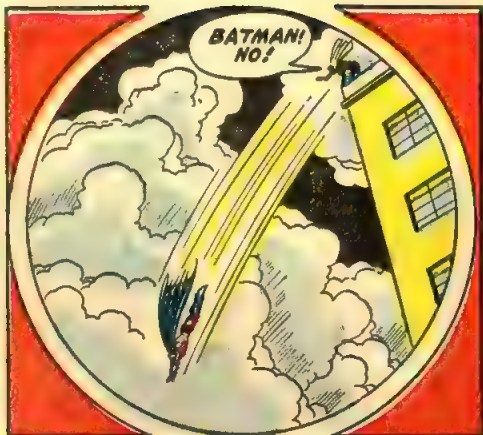
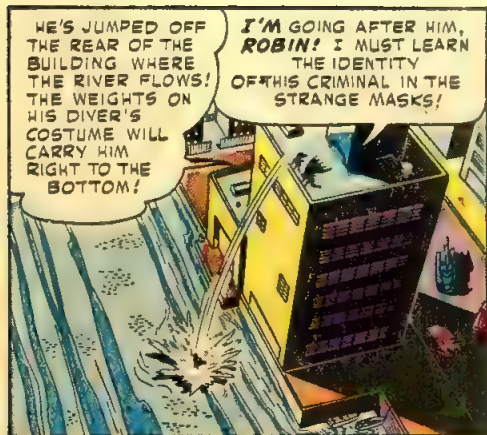


IN AN INSTANT, THE AGILE PAIR HAVE GAINED THE ROOF AND...

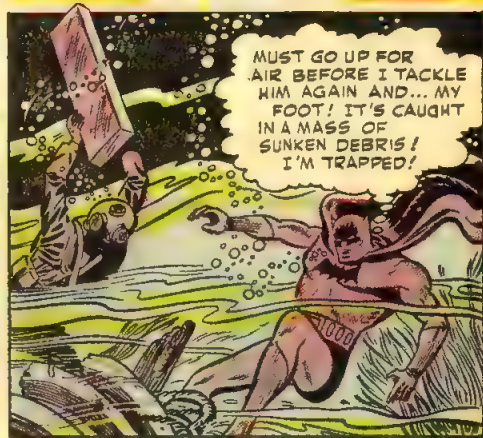
THE POLICE ARE WORKING FROM THE LOWER FLOORS UP! THE CROOK WILL PROBABLY TRY THE ROOF AND...

THERE HE IS, ROBIN! AND LOOK... HE'S WEARING A MASK! THIS TIME A DIVER'S HELMET!

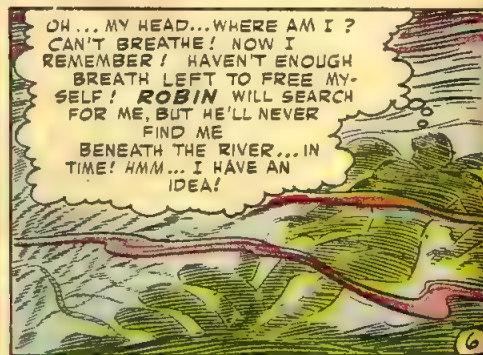


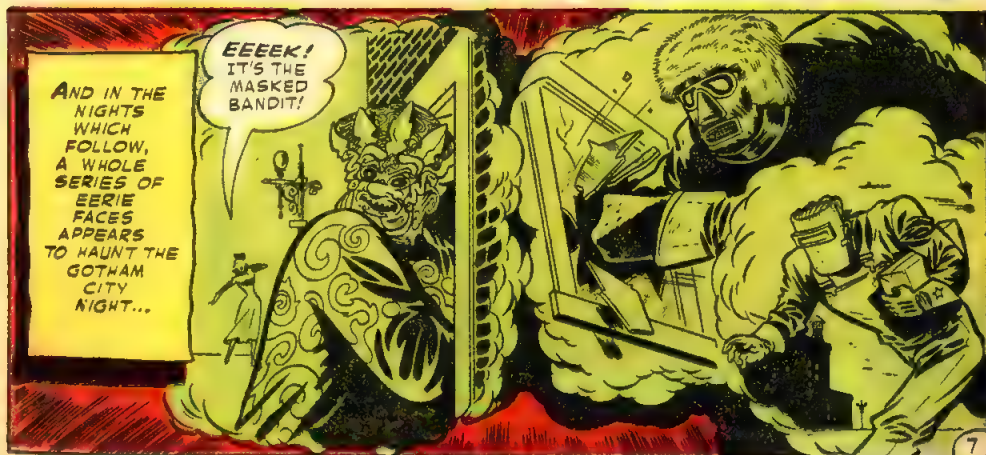
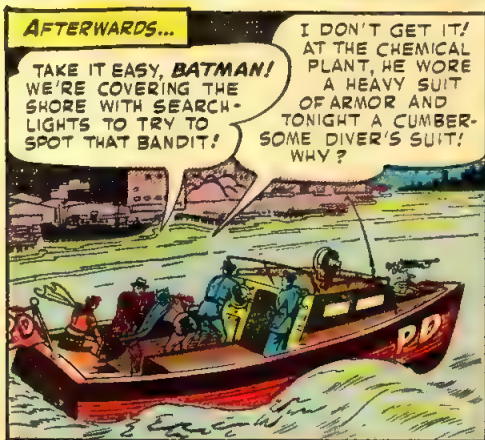
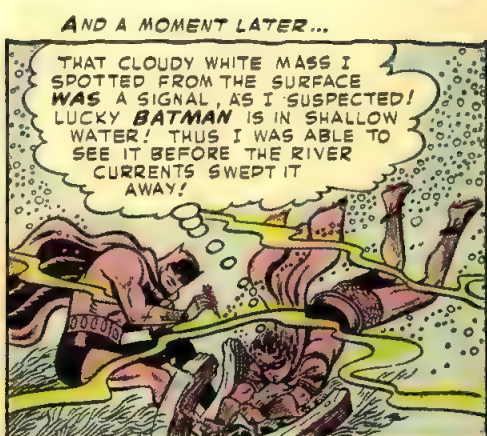
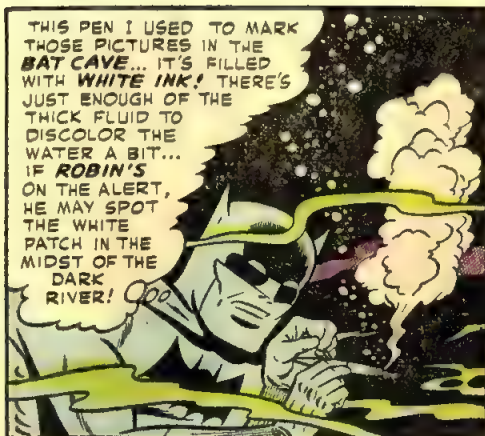


THEN, BENEATH THE RIVER'S MURKY WATERS, TWO MASKED FIGURES MEET IN WEIRD COMBAT...



MOMENTS PASS...MOMENTS WHICH, FOR BATMAN, ARE EVEN DARKER THAN THE WATERS WHICH ENGULF HIM! AND THEN...





AND IN THE
BAT-CAVE,
SOME DAYS
LATER...

THESE ARE DUPLICATES
OF THE COSTUMES THE
BANDIT HAS WORN,
ROBIN! EACH NIGHT
A NEW CRIME AND A
DIFFERENT
COSTUME!



KNIGHT'S ARMOR



DIVER'S
OUTFIT



CHINESE THEATRE
MASK



SOLDIER'S ARCTIC
MASK



WELDER'S MASK

WHAT PUZZLES ME IS WHY A CROOK
WOULD WEAR OUTFITS WHICH NOT ONLY
SLOW HIM DOWN, BUT ATTRACT ATTENTION AND
THUS MAKE HIS CRIME MORE DIFFICULT!

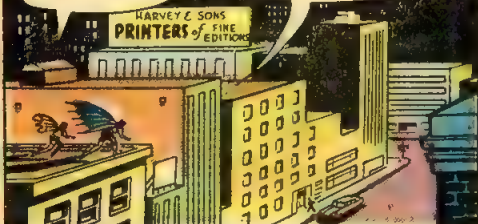
AND THAT'S ONLY
PART OF THE MYSTERY!
THE THINGS HE'S
STOLEN, **BATMAN!**
A POWERFUL ACID...
A BLOCK OF STEEL...
SOME DIE-CUTTER'S
TOOLS... AND A DRUM
OF PRINTER'S
INK!

HMM... AN
INTERESTING PATTERN!
AND IF HE'S UP TO
WHAT I THINK, THERE'S
JUST ONE ITEM MISSING!
COME ON, **ROBIN!** I
BELIEVE OUR FRIEND
WILL BE SHOWING OFF
ANOTHER COSTUME
TONIGHT!

AFTERWARDS...

THIS TRIP ACROSS
THE ROOFTOPS IS
TAKING US RIGHT
PAST THE MASKERS'
CLUB! BUT WON'T
YOU TELL ME OUR
DESTINATION,
BATMAN?

I FIGURE THERE'S
ONLY ONE THING THE
CRIMINAL COULD BE
AFTER **ROBIN**, AND
THAT'S... WAIT!
SOMEONE ENTERING
THE MASKERS' CLUB!
WONDER WHY, AT
THIS HOUR?



A SWIFT DESCENT, AND THEN...

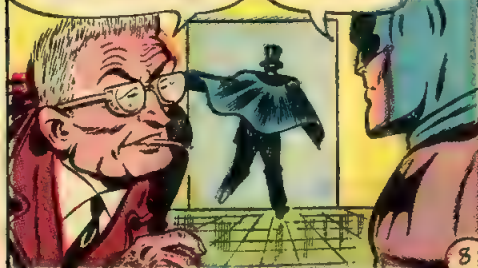
I'M SORRY, MR. PARDO!
BUT YOU KNOW YOU'VE
BEEN BARRED FROM THE
MASKERS CLUB! I'D
LOSE MY JOB IF I LET
YOU GO UP!

BUT, BIFF!
I ONLY WANT
TO GET MY
FENCING MASK
AND FOILS!



OH, IT'S YOU, **BATMAN!**
I GUESS YOU KNOW WHY
I HAD TO BE SO FIRM
WITH THAT GENTLEMAN!
HE'S JOSEPH PARDO,
THE GREAT FENCER!
HE'S NEVER GOTTEN
OVER BEING EXPELLED
FROM THE CLUB!

YES, I RECALL!
HE USED HIS
MEMBERSHIP
TO GET PUBLICITY
FOR HIS FENCING
MATCHES... THAT
SORT OF THING
IS BANNED IN THE
RULES!



PRESENTLY...

IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, THE CRIMINAL, WHOEVER HE MAY BE, SHOULD MAKE AN APPEARANCE HERE... PERHAPS TONIGHT!

BUT WHY WOULD HE COME HERE? ... TO A PLACE NOTED FOR PRINTING THE MOST EXPENSIVE EDITIONS OF FAMOUS BOOKS?

HARVEY & SONS
PRINTERS FINE EDITIONS

BECAUSE IF HE'S UP TO WHAT I THINK, THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES WHERE WE CAN GET A SUPPLY OF...
ROBIN!
LOOK! THE FACE IN THAT WINDOW!

YOU WERE RIGHT, **BATMAN!** THE MASKED BANDIT DID SHOW UP! AND TONIGHT HE'S WEARING A WITCH DOCTOR'S MASK!

INSTANTLY, THE DARING DUO EXPLODES INTO ACTION BUT...

HOLD IT, **ROBIN!** HE'S STARTED THE BURNER ON THE MACHINE WHICH SUPPLIES LEAD FOR THE TYPE MOLDS! WE'LL BE BATHED IN LIQUID METAL!

THIS WILL COOL IT IN A MOMENT... BUT I HOPE IT DOESN'T GIVE OUR VILLAIN TIME TO ESCAPE!

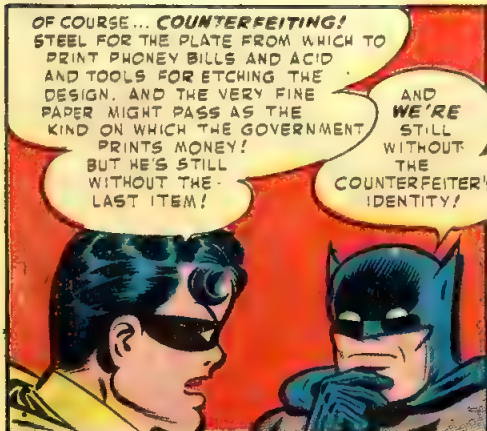
MOMENTS AFTER...

THOSE FEW MINUTES WERE ALL HE NEEDED, **BATMAN!** THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF THE MASKED BANDIT ANYWHERE!

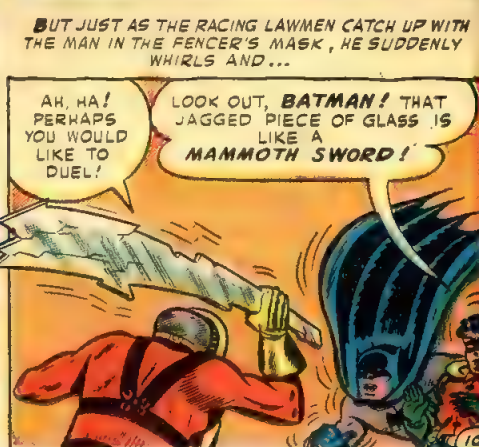
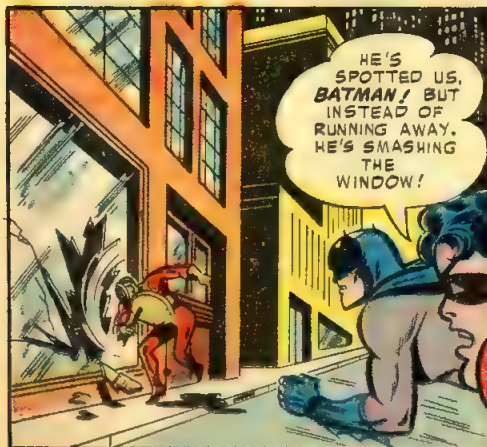
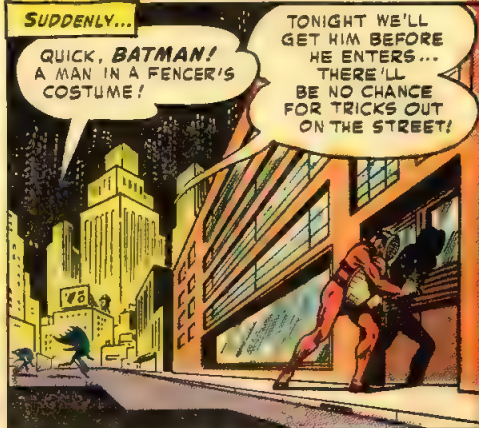
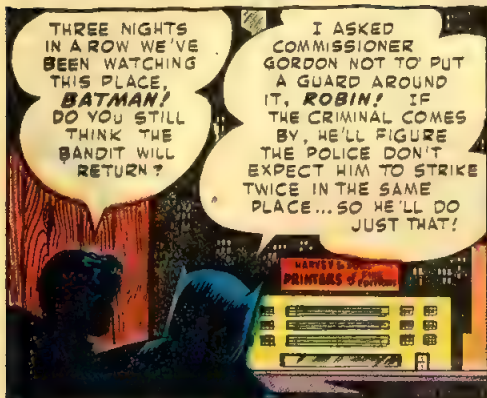
BUT OUR ARRIVAL PREVENTED HIM FROM TAKING WHAT HE WAS AFTER... THESE STACKS OF THE **FINEST QUALITY PAPER OBTAINABLE** HAVEN'T BEEN TOUCHED!

LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

NOW, DO YOU GET IT, **ROBIN?** HE STOLE POWERFUL ACID AND DIE CUTTER'S TOOLS... THEN A BLOCK OF SUPER-HARD STEEL, AND A QUANTITY OF RARE INKS! AND TONIGHT HE TRIED TO TAKE THE **FINEST QUALITY PAPER AVAILABLE!** IT ADDS UP TO JUST **ONE** THING!

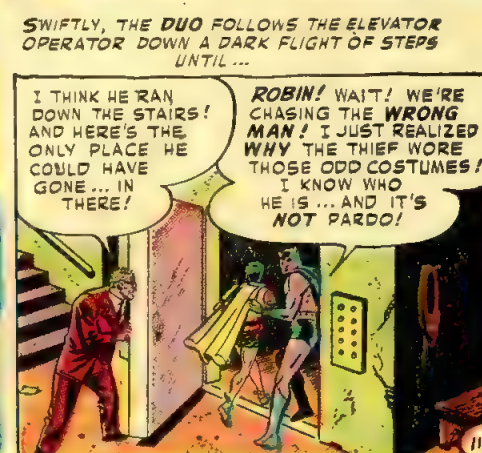
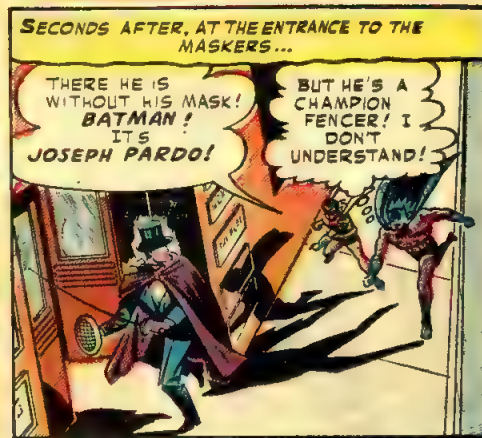
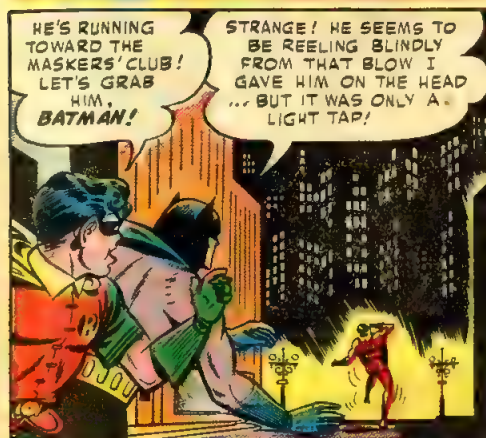
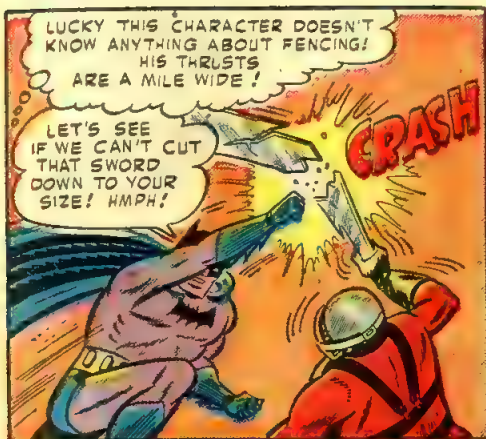


SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER...





BATMAN



IN ALL GOTHAM CITY THERE ARE NOT MORE THAN THREE MEN WITH THICK GLASSES LIKE YOURS, BIFF! IF YOU HAD BEEN SPOTTED, POLICE COULD EASILY HAVE LEARNED YOUR IDENTITY BY CHECKING THE VARIOUS OPTOMETRISTS! AND SINCE YOU CAN'T SEE WITHOUT THEM, YOU **HAD** TO HIDE THEM WITH A MASK WHEN COMMITTING CRIMES!

ALL RIGHT! I AM THE MASKED BANDIT! BUT YOU WON'T LIVE TO PROVE IT!

I GUESSED THE REASON FOR THE MASK WHEN I HIT THE THIEF A LIGHT BLOW AND HE RAN AS IF **BLIND!** WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT HIS GLASSES WERE KNOCKED OFF INSIDE HIS MASK AND ...

BIFF'S LOCKED THE DOOR! WE'RE TRAPPED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS ELEVATOR SHAFT, **BATMAN!** AND NOW HE'S LOWERING THE CAR DOWN ON US ... WE'LL BE CRUSHED!

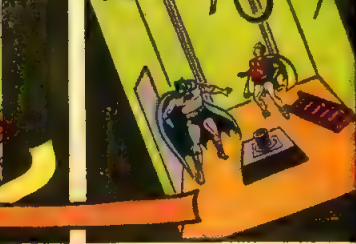
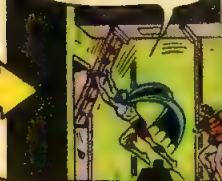
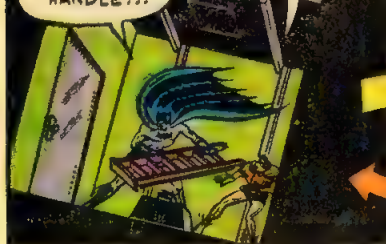


THIS LADDER USED BY ELEVATOR REPAIR MEN! IF WE WEDGE IT BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF THE ELEVATOR CAR AND THE DOOR HANDLE ...

I GET IT, **BATMAN!** THE LOWERING ELEVATOR CAN BE MADE TO WORK FOR US!

IN AN INSTANT ...

IT WORKED! THE PRESSURE OF THE ELEVATOR ON THE LADDER, BROKE OPEN THE DOOR! NOW TO GET BIFF!



AND AFTERWARDS ...

IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU, **BATMAN**, I'D BE PRINTING **TEN DOLLAR BILLS!** I BUILT THIS PRESS MYSELF! I DIDN'T WANT TO RISK HAVING THE PARTS TRACED TO ME THROUGH STORES ... THAT'S WHY I **STOLE THEM!**

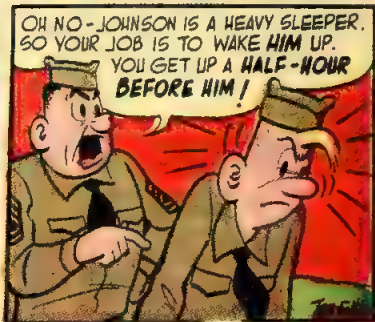
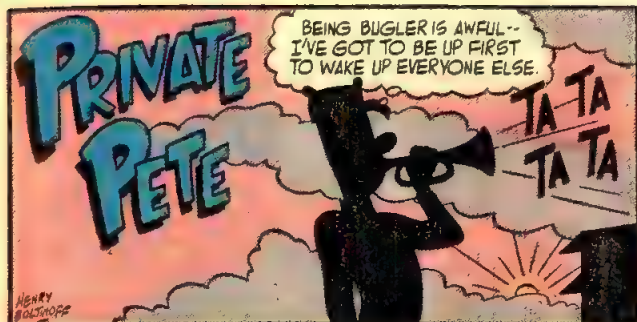
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AND LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE ...

PARDO EXPLAINED THAT HE RAN BECAUSE HE THOUGHT WE WERE AFTER HIM! IT SEEMS HE WENT INTO THE MASKERS' CLUB TO RETRIEVE HIS FENCING EQUIPMENT WHEN BIFF WASN'T IN HIS ELEVATOR CAGE!

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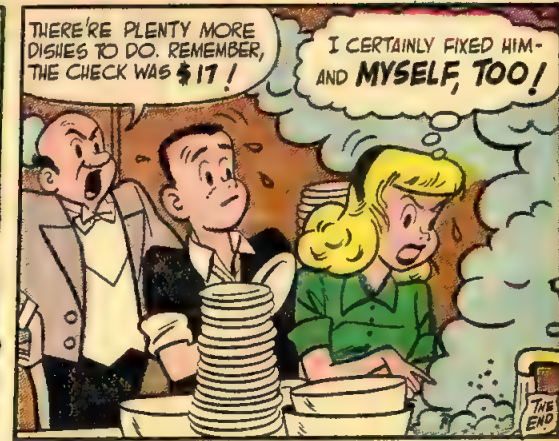
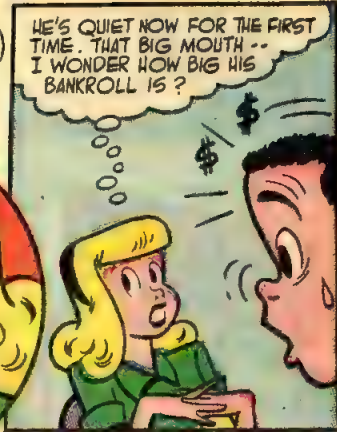
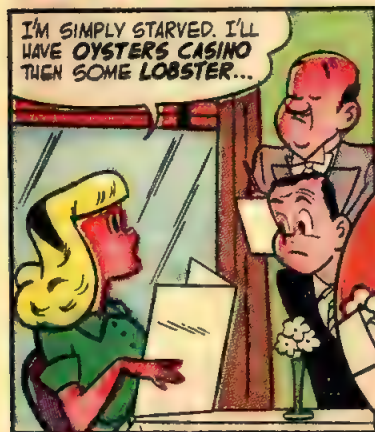
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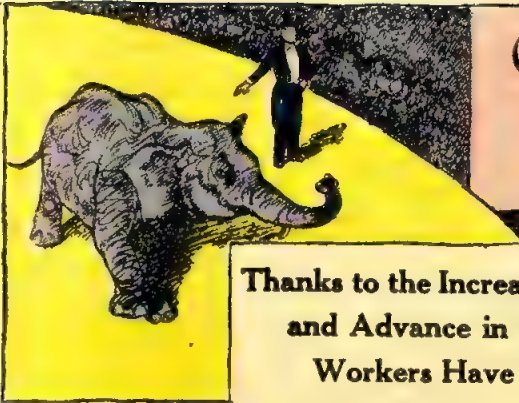
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CHANGING STYLES IN MAGIC

**Thanks to the Increased Wariness of the Audience
and Advance in Science, Today's Wonder-
Workers Have Changed Their Methods**

WE are in the Hippodrome—New York's famous old showplace. Harry Houdini, one of the world's greatest magicians, is on the stage. With him is a five-ton elephant. Houdini gestures—and the elephant disappears!

Of course it was all done with mirrors and trapdoors. It takes a lot of apparatus to make an elephant disappear. But that's what professional magicians used back around 1920.

Today, magicians depend more upon their own cleverness than upon apparatus. They do rope tricks and they bring chicks out of your pockets. They work close to the audience, for they know that people would rather be IN a small show than just SEE a large one. In today's show, everybody gets into the act.

But just a few decades ago, things were different. The Great Thurston was touring with three carloads of equipment and 35 assistants. (His specialty was making an auto or a horse and rider disappear with a pistol shot). And a "Sawing a Woman in Half" act was so popular that there were several companies on the road at one time.

Houdini needed a large tank to put on another of his acts, which was probably his most famous. This tank was called the "Chinese water cell." The cell was a metal-lined mahogany tank with a front of plate glass. Houdini's feet were fastened by stocks, a board which had half-holes for his

feet in two sections which could be padlocked together.

The tank was filled with water, into which Houdini was lowered head first. The cover was then put on, padlocked, and the whole outfit placed in a curtained cabinet. Within two minutes, by his own efforts, Houdini escaped!

In another act, very much like this, he was tied up with chains and placed in a box which was locked, tied with ropes, and weighted. The box was dumped overboard from a boat, but Houdini never failed to escape underwater from the box and swim back to the boat.

Tricks like that were the kind that used to amuse them back in the 1920's. But people today are smarter than they used to be, or at least they've caught on to more of the magician's tricks. For they know that tricks on a stage can usually be explained by special lighting effects or by the fact that you can't see small objects such as threads (used to lift cards, etc.) from a distance.

So the wonder-workers of today go right down into their audience. People who are not especially impressed when they see a conjurer change one person into another with a puff of smoke on a stage are flabbergasted when a dime changes into a nickel in their fists.

Even the famous old trick of pulling a rabbit out of a top hat has gone out of style. For today the top hat is seldom worn,

and the trick just doesn't seem as good with any other kind of hat. Another reason is that most magicians travel light today, and a rabbit would be a real inconvenience.

One magician, however, promised a group of friends to put on a show which would include the rabbit trick. The problem, of course, was to keep the rabbit hidden until it was to appear. The magician arrived empty-handed at his friend's home, and a maid opened the door and let him in. But he had not counted on two small dogs which smelled the rabbit he had hidden on him.

The two pups leaped up from a corner of the entrance hall barking loudly, and started circling him. But before anything more embarrassing could happen, they were called off. "Fortunately," says the magician in telling the story, "they were not pointers."

Today's magicians need skill and a knowledge of the workings of the audience's mind more than a lot of equipment. Skill, of course, is necessary in order to be able to do the tricks successfully. Acquiring this skill takes a great deal of practice and concentration. It's no easy matter, for example, to produce a coin seemingly out of the thin air; such a trick often takes many, many hours of rehearsal.

A knowledge of the workings of the audience's mind is most important. Magicians must know how to distract the attention of the spectators from the hand that is doing the trick. Pointing to something else won't do any good, for then the audience will watch all the harder to see why the magician is trying to make them look away. Sometimes using his free hand to cover his mouth while coughing, or dropping something on the floor on purpose, will distract the audience long enough for him to do the secret part of the trick.

It's interesting to discover that both stage and close-up magic are based on the same principles. The only difference between the two is the scale on which they are done. Old-type magic was done on a large scale;

today's magic is smaller but closer. Thurston, for example, once floated a human being in air; if he were alive and up-to-date today, he would float a flaming match in the face of one of his spectators.

Or Houdini would appear to walk through a brick wall. Today, the magician seems to push a pocket knife through a spectator's coat without tearing it. The two tricks LOOK very different, but actually the principle of penetration is the same in both. The only difference is in size of the objects used.

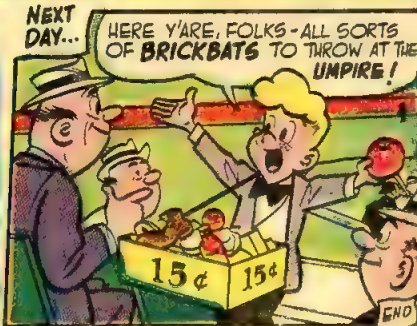
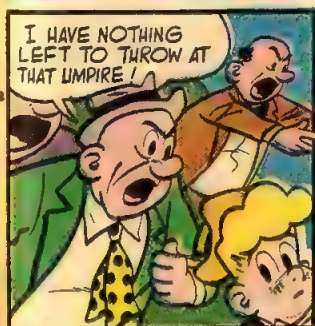
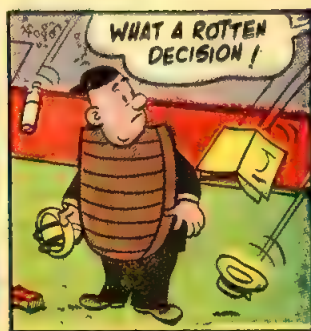
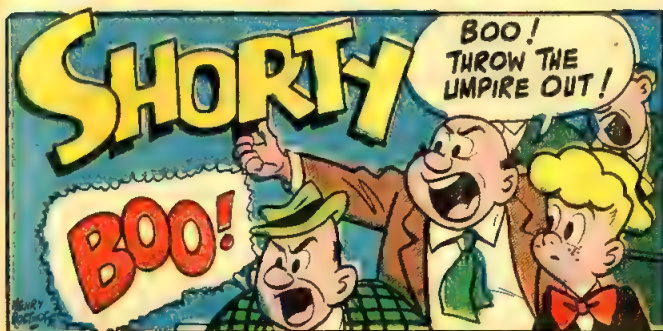
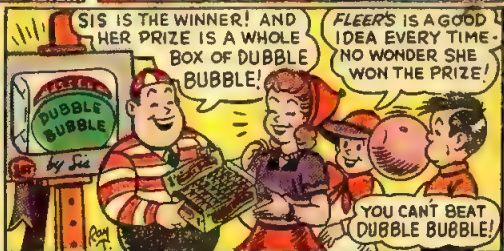
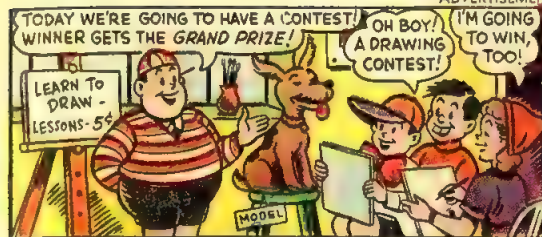
What is the reason for the switch-over from the old to the new? The main reason seems to be the advance of science. Few stage illusions can compete with the wonders accomplished every day by scientists. Making a five-ton elephant disappear cannot even come close to a movie of an atom bomb explosion. And so what if a clever magician can produce five men from a box only big enough for one? Sitting in front of your television set, you can produce not only as many men as you want, but also ball games, movies, and so forth. What magician can do this?

A good example of the new trend away from giant illusions is Sorcar of India. Back home, he has a large traveling show, complete with many assistants and much apparatus. He came here to see the latest in large illusions.

But at the meetings of magicians which he attended, he was disappointed. Not one large illusion did he witness. Instead, he watched clever, close-up tricks being performed by masters. In the end, he was won over. When it came his turn to perform for his fellow magicians, he walked out onto a stage that was bare instead of being filled by boxes, tables, wands, and so forth.

Then Sorcar had his eyes blindfolded, and unable to see, he drew on one blackboard what members of the audience were drawing on another. His only apparatus was a piece of chalk—and his own cleverness. Sorcar had learned a new style, and back to an ancient land he took a modern magic.

—Donald King





Message to Parents



WHAT TO DO IF POLIO COMES YOUR WAY

Keep children with their own friends. Keep them away from people they have not been with right along, especially in close, daily living. Many people have polio infection without showing signs of sickness. Without knowing it, they can pass the infection on to others.

Try not to get over-tired by work, hard play or travel. If you already have the polio infection in your body being very tired may bring on serious polio.

Keep from getting chilled. Don't bathe or swim too long in cold water. Take off wet clothes at once. Chilling can lessen your body's protection against polio.

Keep clean. Wash hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet. Hands may carry polio infection into the body through the mouth. Also keep food clean and covered.

WATCH FOR EARLY SIGNS OF SICKNESS

Polio starts in different ways—with headache, sore throat, upset stomach or fever. Persons coming down with polio may also feel nervous, cross or dizzy. They may have trouble in swallowing or breathing. Often there is a stiff neck and back.

ACT QUICKLY—CALL YOUR DOCTOR AT ONCE

Until he comes, keep the patient quiet and in bed, away from others.

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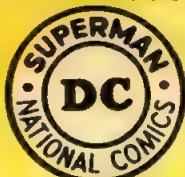
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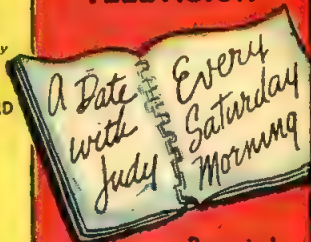
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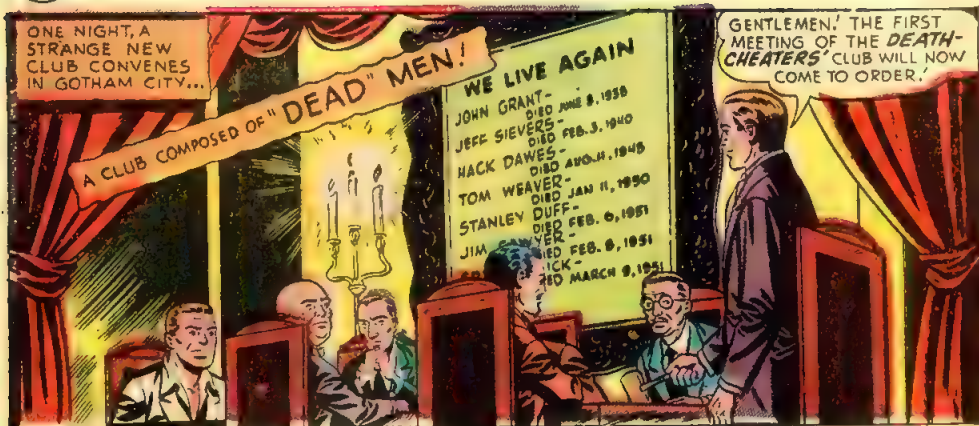
With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

IT IS SAID THAT ALL MEN WHO CHEAT ARE EVENTUALLY CAUGHT--AND THAT CHEATING SHOWS! BUT WHAT OF THE MEN **WHO CHEAT DEATH??** DO THEY ESCAPE WITH THEIR GAINS--OR ARE THEY, TOO, DESTINED TO BE CAUGHT, IN A GRIM PAY-OFF? YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER HERE--IN THIS STORY OF MEN WHO DARED ROLL THE DICE WITH **DEATH!** MEN LIKE BRUCE WAYNE--CAUGHT UP IN HIS MOST FANTASTIC ADVENTURE! MEN LIKE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, WHOSE DESTINIES ARE UN-ALTERABLY LINKED WITH--

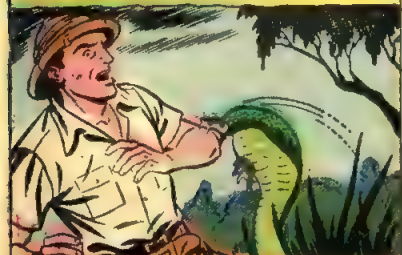
**"The DEATH-CHEATERS
OF GOTHAM CITY!"**



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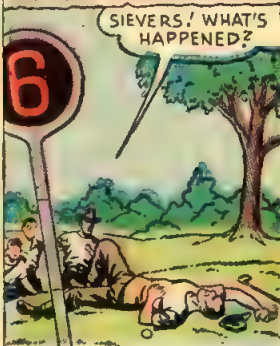


YES... DEATH-CHEATERS. THESE ARE MEN LIVING ON BORROWED TIME -- EACH OF THEM ONCE ACTUALLY DIED... BUT WAS LATER BROUGHT BACK MIRACULOUSLY TO LIFE! AND HERE THEY ARE...

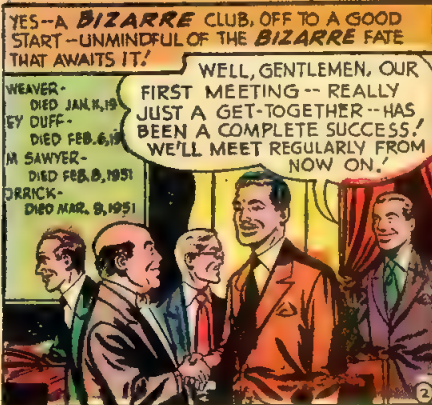
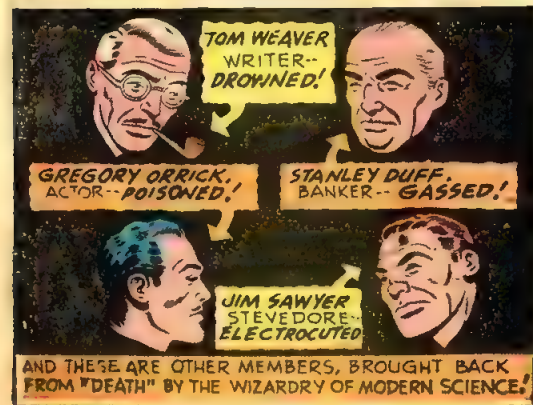


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CASE #2--JEFF SIEVERS, ACCOUNTANT--EPILEPSY VICTIM, SUFFERED ATTACK DURING GOLF GAME IN 1940--PRONOUNCED LEGALLY DEAD BY CLUB PHYSICIAN--REVIVED, UNAIDED, 20 MINUTES LATER!



CASE #3--HACK DAWES, TRUCK DRIVER--STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, AUG. 11, 1945--HEART STOPPED, PRONOUNCED DEAD--REVIVED BY PUL-MOTOR 23 MINUTES LATER!





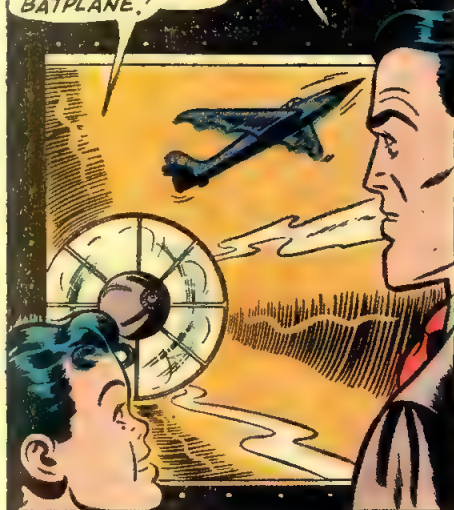
BATMAN



A FEW EVENINGS LATER, IN THE **BAT-CAVE** UNDER THE HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON ...

YOU'RE RIGHT, BRUCE -- THOSE WING MODIFICATIONS CERTAINLY IMPROVE THE JET PERFORMANCE OF THE **BATPLANE**.

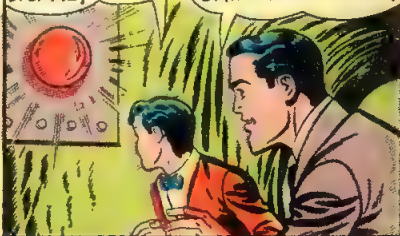
YES -- WE'LL MAKE THE CHANGES AT ONCE ...



SUDDENLY A RED LIGHT BLINKS RAPIDLY ON A NEARBY WALL PANEL.

OH-OH! OUR RE-CEPTOR BEAMS HAVE PICKED UP THE **BAT-SIGNAL**!

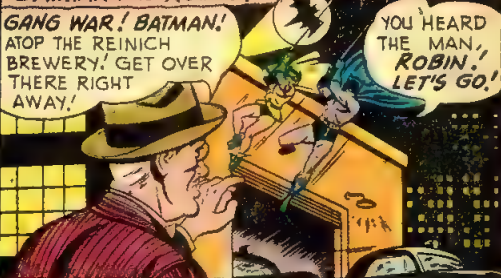
THIS IS ONE TIME WHEN A RED LIGHT MEANS **GO** -- FOR **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**



IN A MOMENT, THE BOY AND MAN HAVE MADE A COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION -- STREAKING TOWARD POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN THE AWESOME GARB OF **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**

GANG WAR! BATMAN! ATOP THE REINICH BREWERY! GET OVER THERE RIGHT AWAY!

YOU HEARD THE MAN, **ROBIN!** LET'S GO!



MOMENTS LATER...

IT'S LITTLE DOUGY AND JOEY THE ROD! THEY'VE RENEUED THEIR **FEUD!**

AND LITTLE DOUGY'S BEEN HIT! LOOK!



THAT'S ALL, JOEY! FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE FELDING WITH SOME THICK **PRISON WALLS!**

LATER, AT MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL...

WE'VE REMOVED THE SLUGS-- BUT TOO LATE. HIS HEART STOPPED-- LITTLE DOUGY IS DEAD.

HMM--AND HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ONLY YESTERDAY. HIS FREEDOM WAS SHORT-LIVED.

DOCTOR--WE'VE STILL GOT A ONE-IN-A-MILLION CHANCE. I'D LIKE TO TRY A **HEART-MASSAGE!**

GO AHEAD, SON! NURSE, LEND A HAND HERE!

AND SOON AFTER...

IT **WORKED!** HIS PULSE-BEAT IS BACK-- WEAK, BUT **STEADY!**

A **MIRACLE!** I'VE HEARD ABOUT SUCH CASES-- BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE ONE.

IMAGINE. A MAN LEGALLY AND OFFICIALLY **PRONOUNCED DEAD.** AND TEN MINUTES LATER, HE COMES BACK TO THE LIVING.

AND A FEW MORNINGS LATER, WITH THE PATIENT ALMOST FULLY RECOVERED...

YOU SURE ARE **LUCKY**, DOUGY! THINK OF IT! YOU WAS **ACTUALLY** DEAD! AND HERE YOU ARE, ALIVE AND KICKIN'!

YEAH--AND MY LUCK'S STILL HOLDIN'! LOOK AT THIS! SEEMS LIKE I'M ELIGIBLE FOR A LOAD OF DOUGH!

SAAY! YOU'RE RIGHT, DOUGY, YOU KIN JOIN THAT CLUB.

AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M GONNA DO--SOON AS I CHECK OUTA THIS HOSPITAL.

GOTHAM NEWS

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BUT A FEW DAY LATER...

I'M SORRY, LITTLE DOUGY-- BUT OUR DECISION IS FINAL! YOUR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY TURNED DOWN!

BUT THAT AIN'T RIGHT! I QUALIFY FOR THIS CLUB! I WAS LIKE THE REST OF YA!

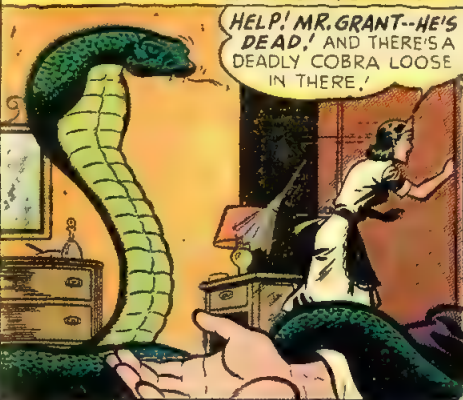


YOU HAVE A LONG CRIMINAL RECORD! WE CAN'T TAKE CHANCES. UNTIL WE SEE THAT YOU'RE GOING STRAIGHT, YOU CANNOT JOIN!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS! YOU'RE CHEATING ME OUT OF REAL DOUGH! AND NO-BODY CHEATS LITTLE DOUGY!

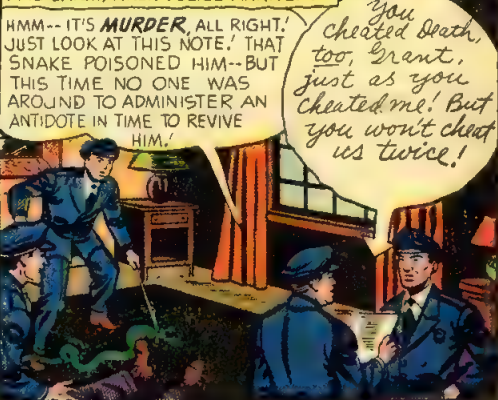


THEN, NEXT DAY, STUNNING DISASTER STRIKES!



HELP! MR. GRANT-- HE'S DEAD! AND THERE'S A DEADLY COBRA LOOSE IN THERE!

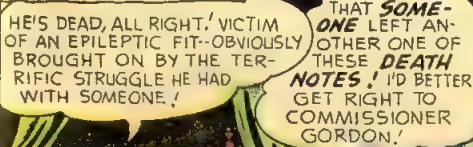
AND LATER, WHEN POLICE ARRIVE...



HMM-- IT'S MURDER, ALL RIGHT! JUST LOOK AT THIS NOTE! THAT SNAKE POISONED HIM-- BUT THIS TIME NO ONE WAS AROUND TO ADMINISTER AN ANTIDOTE IN TIME TO REVIVE HIM!

You cheated death, too, Grant, just as you cheated me! But you won't cheat us twice!

AND SCARCELY SIX HOURS LATER, IN THE HOME OF JEFF SIEVERS...



HE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT! VICTIM OF AN EPILEPTIC FIT-- OBVIOUSLY BROUGHT ON BY THE TERRIFIC STRUGGLE HE HAD WITH SOMEONE!

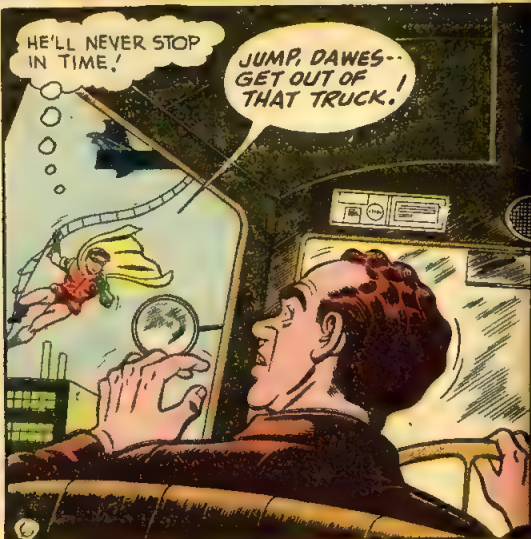
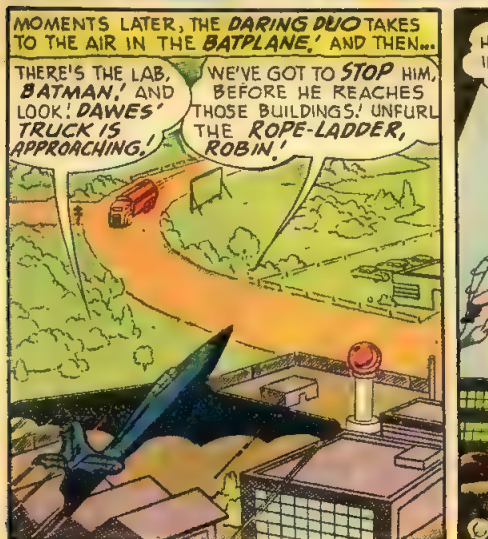
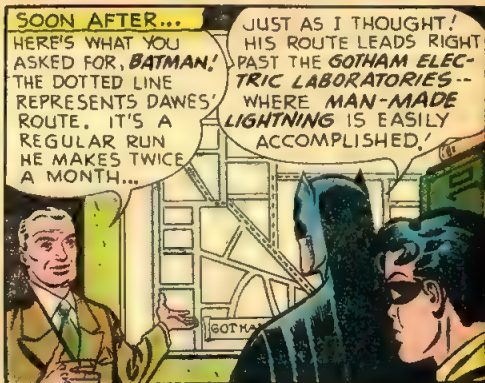
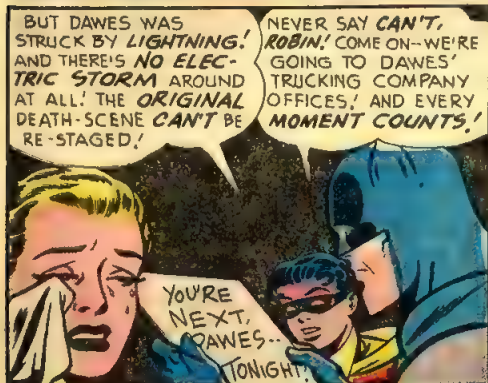
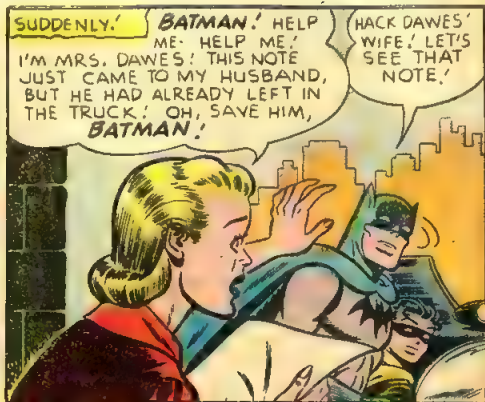
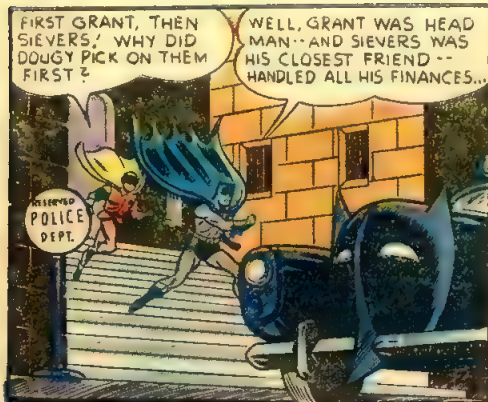
THAT SOME-ONE LEFT ANOTHER ONE OF THESE DEATH NOTES! I'D BETTER GET RIGHT TO COMMISSIONER GORDON!

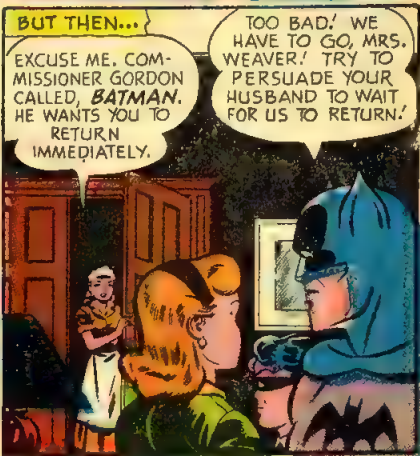
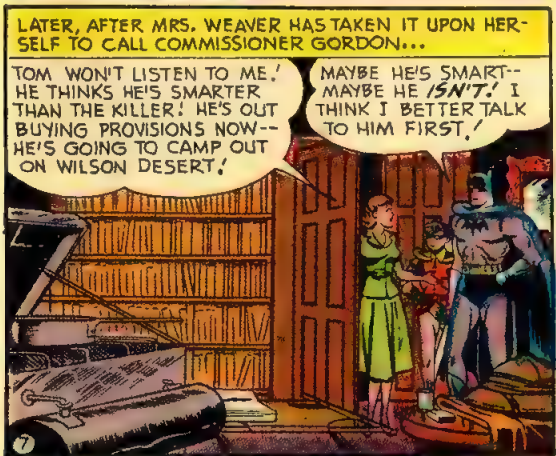
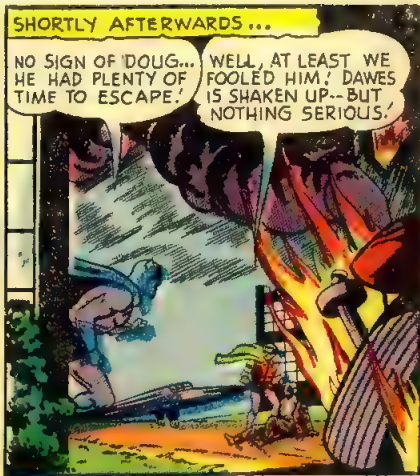
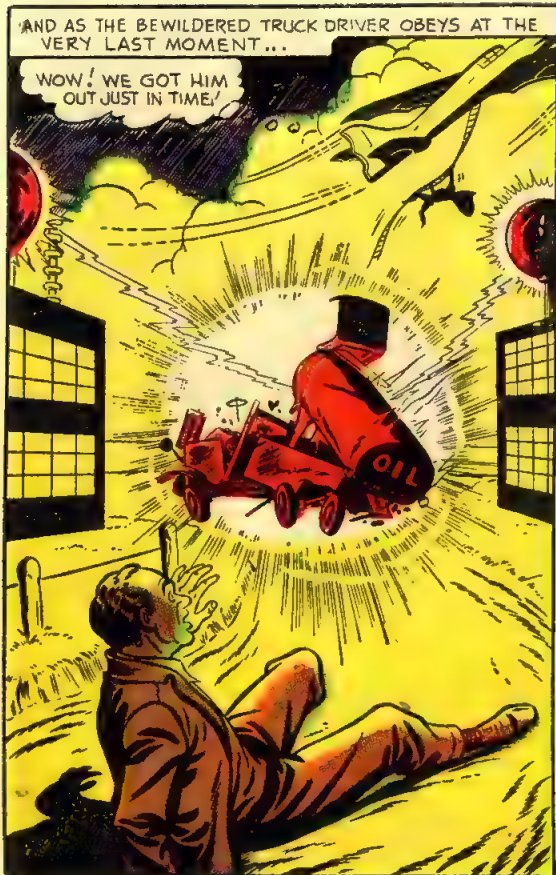
LATER...

A GRISLY BUSINESS, THIS! SOMEONE'S RE-CREATING THE WAY THESE MEN ORIGINALLY "DIED"-- BUT THIS TIME THE DEATHS ARE PERMANENT!

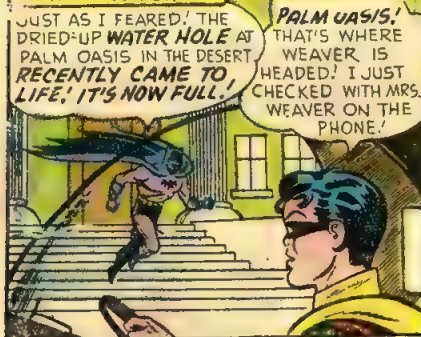
I'VE SPOKEN TO THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS! FROM WHAT THEY TELL ME, LITTLE DOUGY IS OUR MAN! BATMAN-- GET ON THIS CASE AT ONCE!



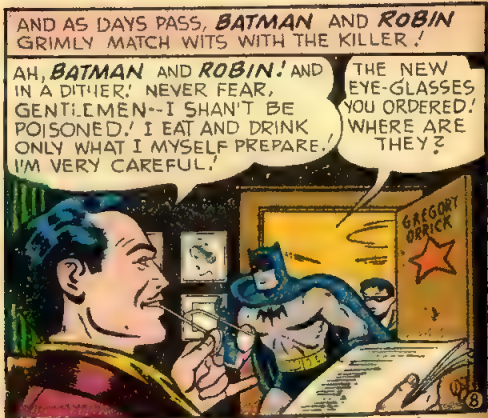
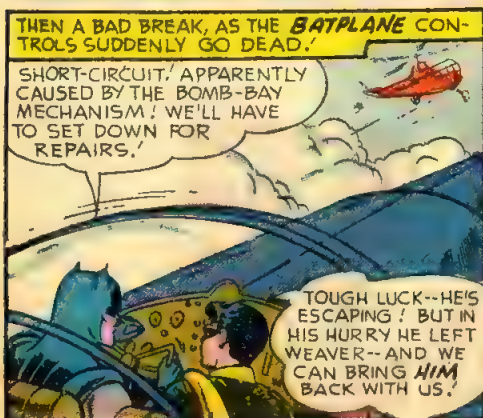
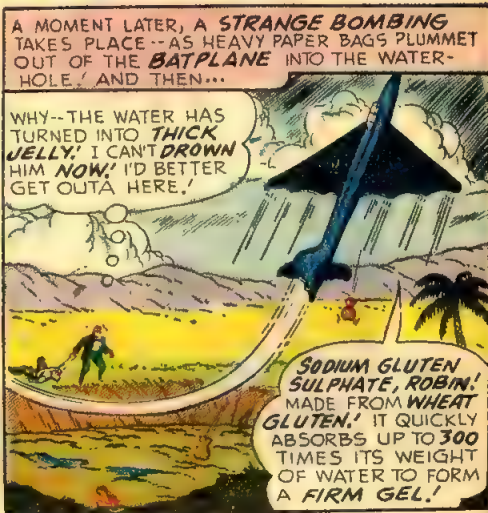


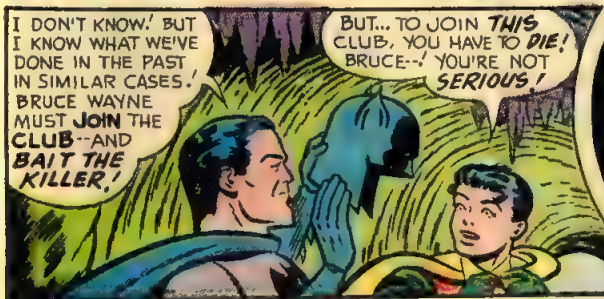
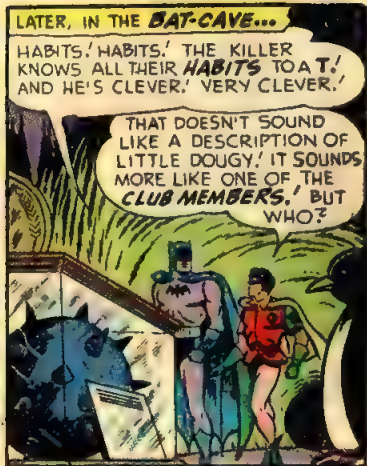
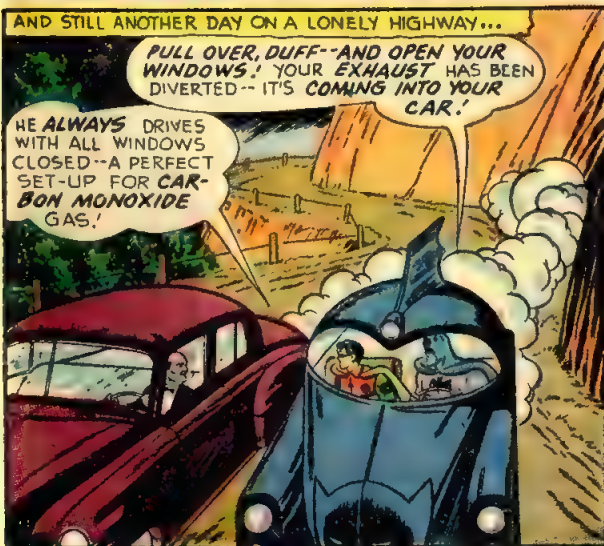
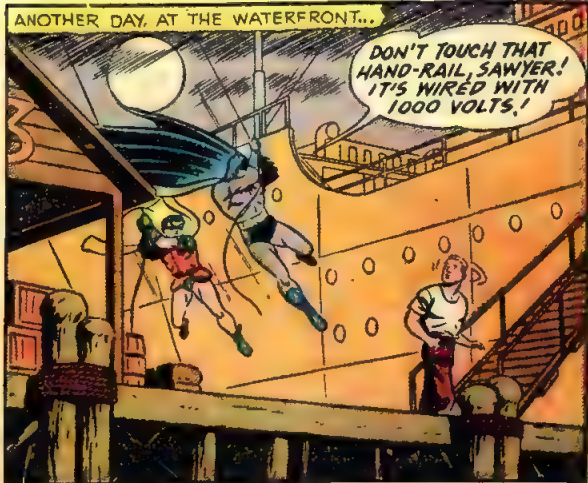


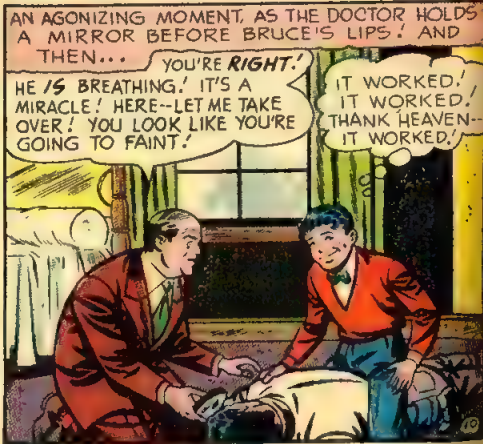
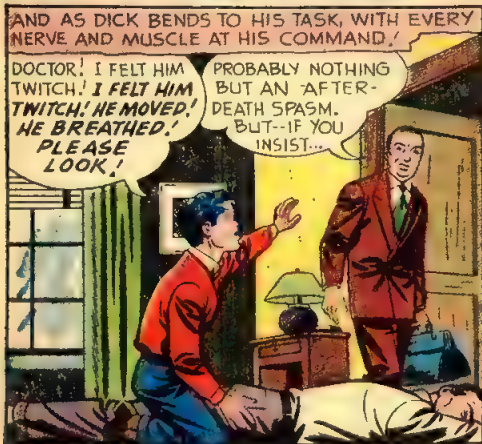
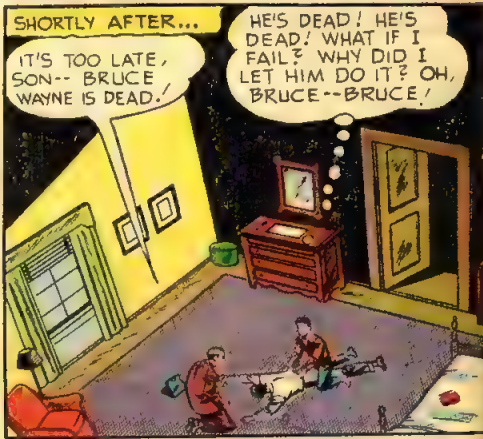
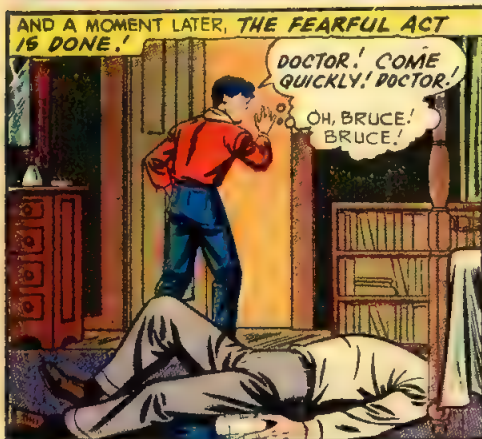
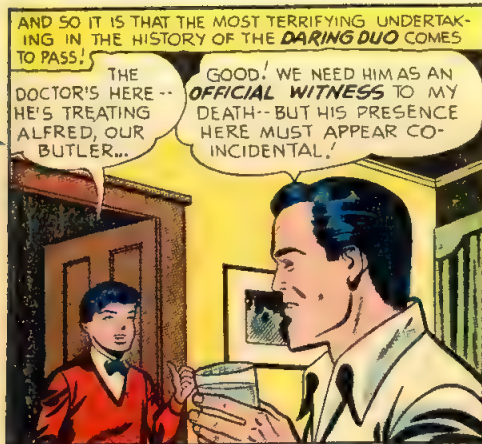
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AND SOME TIME LATER, ON THE DESERT...



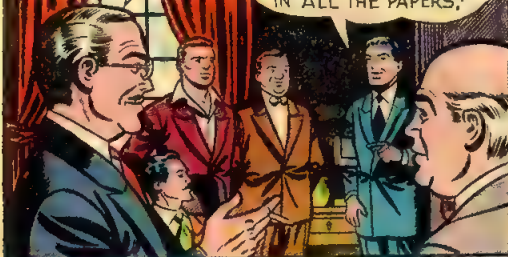




A FEW DAYS LATER, BRUCE IS UP AND AROUND-- AND READY TO TAKE HIS PLACE IN THE **DEATH-CHEATERS' CLUB...**

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB, MR. WAYNE! I'M SURPRISED YOU CARE TO JOIN US--THIS ISN'T A VERY **HEALTHY** PLACE TO BE.

OH, BUT I'M ANXIOUS TO JOIN! YOU SEE--I THINK I KNOW **WHO** THE KILLER IS! NOT LITTLE DOUGY-- **BUT A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB.** THE STORY'S IN ALL THE PAPERS!



YOU MEAN-- **ONE OF US??** BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! **WHO--WHY?**

AH, I MUST WAIT TO CONFIRM MY SUSPICIONS! BUT IT SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG!



THEN THAT NIGHT AS BRUCE WAYNE UNCONCERNEDLY RELAXES IN A CANOE ON THE LAKE IN GOTHAM PARK...

HA-HA! THE **SMART** MR. WAYNE! I WON'T MISS WITH MY **POISON DARTS** AT THIS DISTANCE! THIS TIME HE'LL **REALLY** DIE OF POISON!

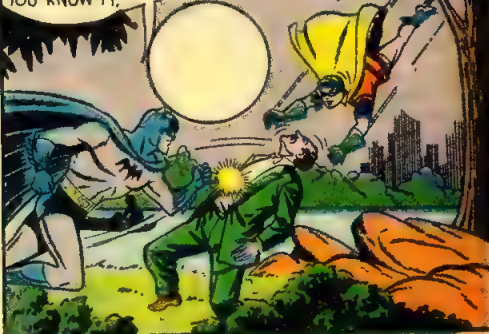


ALL AT ONCE, THE **DARING DUO** RACES INTO THE SCENE, AS A WILD MELEE DEVELOPS!

HE FELL FOR IT! THE **BRUCE WAYNE DUMMY** FOOLED HIM!

WAIT FOR ME, **BATMAN!** I WANT TO HAVE SOME OF THE FUN!

POISONED DARTS, EH? TAKE OFF THAT MASK! YOU'RE NOT **LITTLE DOUGY**--AND YOU KNOW IT!



BUT IN HIS EAGERNESS, THE BOY WONDER OVERSHOTS HIS MARK--CRASHING WITH A SICKENING THUD INTO THE ROCKS THAT LINE THE SHORE!

ROBIN! HE'S KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS! IF HE DROPS INTO THAT WATER, HE'LL DROWN! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!

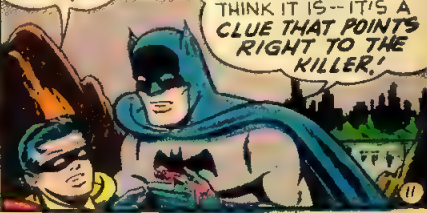
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO ESCAPE!



LATER...

I REALLY GUMMED THINGS UP... BUT AT LEAST YOU DREW BLOOD, **BATMAN!** LOOK AT YOUR HAND--IT'S COVERED WITH IT!

THAT'S FUNNY! I DIDN'T HIT HIM THAT HARD! AND LOOK-- IT HASN'T COAGULATED AT ALL! HMM! THIS ISN'T BLOOD, **ROBIN--** BUT IF IT'S WHAT I THINK IT IS--IT'S A **CLUE THAT POINTS RIGHT TO THE KILLER!**





BATMAN



THE NEXT EVENING, AFTER **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAVE FINISHED AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION...

WAYNE PHONED! HE SAID WE SHOULD WAIT HERE-- **BATMAN'S** COMING OVER TO PUT THE FINGER ON THE KILLER!

IT'S A RUSE, ME LADS! THEY WANT ONE OF US TO MAKE A BREAK -- AND GIVE HIMSELF AWAY!

RE-
DIED FEB.
HACK DAWES -
DIED AUG. 11, 1945
TOM WEAVER -
DIED JAN. 11, 1950
STANLEY DUFF -
DIED FEB. 6, 1951
JIM SAWYER -
DIED FEB. 8, 1951
GREG CROCK -
DIED MAR. 9, 1952

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

BATMAN - FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! WHICH ONE IS IT? LET'S GET IT OVER WITH!!

ALL RIGHT, **ROBIN**--WE'RE READY!

HAVE **YOU** SPOTTED THE KILLER? TEST YOUR WITS--BEFORE TURNING THE PAGE UPSIDE-DOWN FOR THE STORY'S CONCLUSION.

THE END

FEW PEOPLE USE **RED** INK--BUT ACCOUNTANTS ALWAYS DO! WHEN WE KNEW THAT HE WENT TO SIEVERS' BOARDED-UP HOME AND FOUND HIS CELLAR HIDEOUT! NOW LET'S SEE HIM TRY TO CHEAT DEATH--IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

AN ACCOUNTANT WHO ENDED UP IN THE **RED**, COM-MISSIONER, DURING A SCUFFLE, HIS PEN LEAKED **RED INK** ALL OVER MY HAND, THAT'S WHAT GAVE HIM AWAY!

LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

"BUT I WAS TOO GREEDY, I SAW THAT I WOULD SOON BE DISCOVERED; SO I DECIDED ON MURDER--AND LITTLE DOUGGY JUST HAPPENED ALONG AT THE RIGHT TIME..."

"I'LL FRAME DOUGGY, WITH HIS RECORD, HE'LL KILL THEM ALL, SO MY EM-BEZZLEMENT NEVER COMES TO LIFE; AND I'LL "KILL" MYSELF--I CAN CONTROL MY EPILEPSY--AND ASSUME A NEW IDENTITY IN EUROPE WITH MY FORTUNE."

SIEVERS' CONFESSION: "AS THE PERSONAL ACCOUNTANT OF ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS, I MANAGED TO EMBEZZLE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS..."

HA-HA! SOON I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO LIVE IN RARE LUXURY THE REST OF MY LIFE!

PAYING AND RECEIVING

AND THEN, TO EVERYONE'S ASTONISHMENT,

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WHAT IS THIS?

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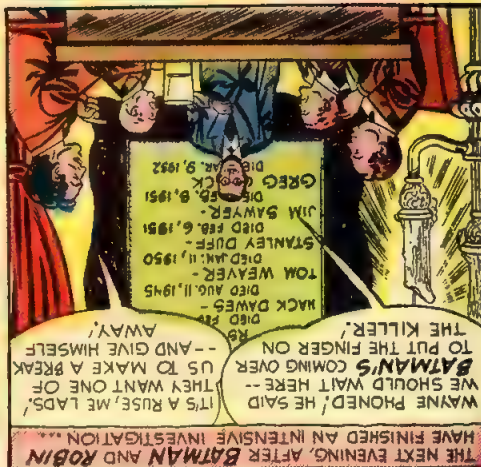
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THE NEXT EVENING, AFTER BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE FINISHED AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION...

BATMAN



Two More Thrilling Magazines for MYSTERY Fans!



WE ALL KNOW
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE
SUPERNATURAL... WE KNOW
THERE'S ALWAYS A LOGICAL
EXPLANATION FOR WHAT *SEEMS*
TO BE WEIRD AND GLOOMY
AND UNEXPLAINABLE....

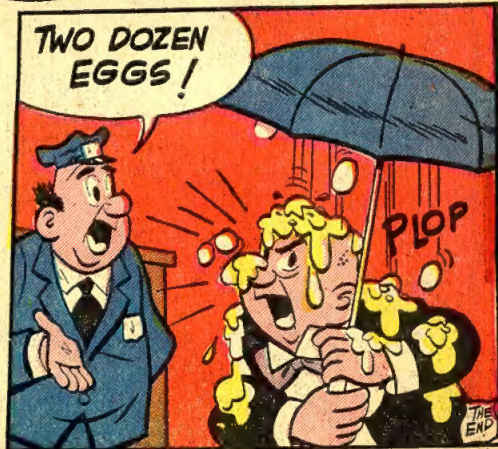
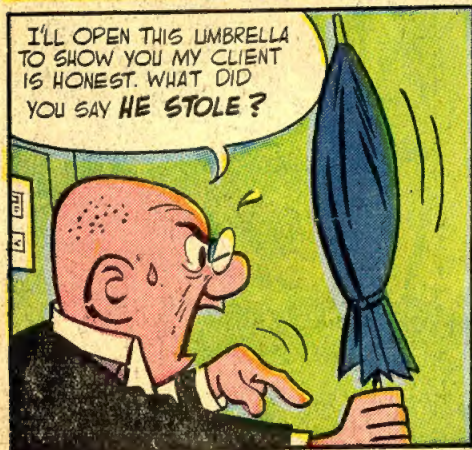
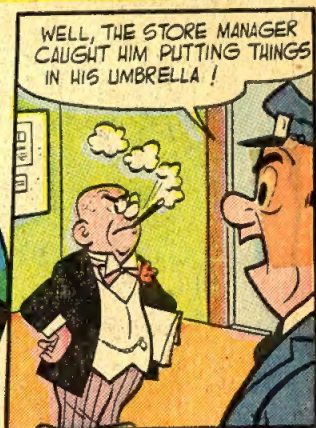
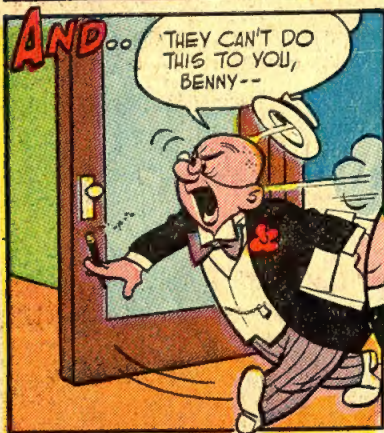


BUT IT'S FUN TO SEARCH
THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS
DARK TUNNELS OF THESE
EXCITING STORIES IN SEARCH
OF THE TRUTH!



ON SALE
Everywhere!

YOU'RE SURE TO
ENJOY THEM!



EXPLOSIVE ACTION!



YOU'LL THRILL TO
TRIGGER-FAST ACTION
WITH AMERICA'S
HARD-BITTEN FIGHTING
MEN AS THEY BLAST THEIR
WAY ACROSS FAR-FLUNG
BATTLE FRONTS IN THE
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TRUE-TO-LIFE
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DON'T MISS
A SINGLE ISSUE!

THE SECRET OF THE TREASURE CAVE

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GIVEN!

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!



Archery Sets, Pocket Watches, Footballs, Carving Sets (sent postage paid). Write or mail coupon to start.

ACT NOW



WE TRUST YOU!

22 Cal. Rifles, 1,000 Shot Daisley Air Rifles (sent postage paid). Boys - girls Bicycles (Express charges collect). Write or mail coupon to start.

OUR 57th YEAR



I CONFESS, KIDS - I GOT ALL THESE PREMIUMS JUST FOR SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE... NEXT WEEK I'M GETTING A CAMERA. IT'S A CINCH!



MAIL COUPON!

YOU GET BIG CATALOG

Candid Cameras with carrying case, Telescopes, Watches (sent postage paid). Simply GIVE pictures with White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE easily sold to friends, neighbors, relatives at 25c a box (with picture). Alarm Clocks, Pen and Pencil Sets, Bibles, Billboards, Telescopes, Roller Skates, Blankets, Aluminum Ware, Record Players, Movie Machines (sent postage paid). Rush coupon to start!

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Lovable fully dressed Dolls over 15" in height, Ukuleles, Alarm Clocks. Write or mail coupon today.



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Wilson Chem. Co. Dept. 115-N, Tyrone, Pa. Date..... Gentlemen - Please send me on trial 14 colorful art pictures with 14 boxes of White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE to sell at 25c a box (with picture). I will remit amount asked within 30 days, select a Premium or keep Cash Commission as explained under Premium wanted in catalog sent with order, postage paid to start.

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